

May 26, 2016

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your interest in attending the United States Naval Academy (USNA) as a member of the Class of 2021. We have carefully evaluated the personal and academic information you have submitted. In order to complete our initial review, we need to receive your college admission test scores. Either the SAT or ACT with writing portion is acceptable for admission.

I recommend that you take both tests multiple times and have the appropriate testing service forward the results to USNA (SAT code 5809, ACT code 1742). If you have already taken one of the tests, simply contact the testing service at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to have the results sent to USNA.

The Admissions Board uses the highest combination of critical reading (verbal) and math scores from all SAT or ACT tests taken by a candidate. Since students often see a considerable test score improvement on a second or third attempt at both tests, candidates will normally enhance their competitiveness by taking both the SAT and the ACT more than once. Test results taken up until 31 January 2017, are the last ones you can use **to qualify as a candidate** and receive an application for the Class of 2021. Upon receipt of your test scores, we will again review your information to make a candidacy determination. Until then, your file will remain open; therefore, **it is not necessary to complete another Preliminary Application or to re-apply online.**

The most recent class portrait is available online at [www.usna.edu/Admissions](http://www.usna.edu/Admissions). This information should serve as a good benchmark by which to measure your competitiveness for an appointment. You have my best wishes for success in the admissions process.

Sincerely,

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Director, Candidate Guidance