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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today nominated 42 Iowa students for appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy and Military Academy, West Point for the 2012 classes.

"I would like to congratulate these students for their many outstanding achievements," Harkin said. "An academy nomination is a great honor because of the intense competition for these nominations across the state of Iowa."

In a typical year, Harkin receives more than 150 applications from young Iowans interested in pursuing a career as a military officer. Students apply for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York; the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Academy nomination finalists are interviewed by Senator Harkin's Academy Selection Board, during which time their motivation, poise and self-expression are measured. Harkin may nominate up to ten applicants to compete for each available vacancy. From the Senator's nominees, the academy then selects the final candidate who will be offered an appointment.

"In order for an individual to be nominated, he or she must demonstrate superior leadership, academic and athletic abilities," Harkin said. "Nominees also must exhibit the necessary motivation for serving in the demanding role of a career military officer and be of outstanding moral character."

After March 1, 2012, men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 who are interested in pursuing a nomination to one of the academies for the class entering in 2013, should go to <http://harkin.senate.gov/> and complete Senator Harkin's online Service Academy application, or they may contact Senator Harkin's Cedar Rapids Office at

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A list of this year's nominees is below.

Afton

Austin Bolinger has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Austin is the son of Amanda and Clint Bolinger and is a senior at Creston High School.

Ainsworth

Jesse Hahn has been nominated to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Jesse is the son of Teresa and Ted Hahn and is a senior at Highland Community High School.

Ankeny

Brett Deters has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Brett is the son of Karen Deters and Victor Vera and is a senior at Ankeny High School.

Ankeny

Logan Braadt has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Logan is the son of Kathy Amos and Walter Braadt and is a senior at Ankeny High School.

Argle

Richard Wilkerson has been nominated to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Richard is the son of Stephanie Anderson and Randy Wilkerson and is a senior at Central Lee High School.

Bellevue

Dylan Meek has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Dylan is the son of Tracy Meek and Phillip Meek and is a senior at Bellevue High School.

Bettendorf

Samuel Kuznetsov has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Samuel is the son of Danielle and Alexei Kusnetsov and is a senior at Bettendorf High School.

Bettendorf

Andrew Peterman has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Andrew is the son of George Peterman and Carolyn and a graduate of Bettendorf High School. He is currently attending Greystone Preparatory School in Kerrville, TX.

Bettendorf

Matthew Miller has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Matthew is the son of Kathryn and Marc Miller and is a senior at Bettendorf High School.

Cedar Falls

Ryan Giarusso has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Ryan is the son of Deborah and Richard Giarusso and is a senior at Cedar Falls High School.

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Cedar Falls

Nicholas Heth has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Nicholas is the son of Carol and Steve Heth and is a senior at Cedar Falls High School.

Clarion

Wyatt Sann has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Wyatt is the son of Patricia Stockman-Sann and Dwight Sann and is a senior at Clarion Goldfield High School.

Clinton

Matt Truninger has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Matt is the son of Gina and Mark Truninger and is a senior at Northeast High School.

Clive

Stephen Sanburn has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Stephen is the son of Lisa and Daniel Sanburn and is a senior at Waukee High School.

Clive

Jack Oberman has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Jack is the son of Karen and Tony Oberman and is a senior at Waukee High School.

Davenport

Daniel Sullivan has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Daniel is the son of Jane and Richard Sullivan and is a senior at Bettendorf High School.

Davenport

Noah Jones has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Noah is the son of Julie and Todd Jones and is a senior at West High School.

Dubuque

Daniel Eichman has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Daniel is the son of Choon and Bruce Eichman and is a graduate of Dulwich College - Beijing High School.

Dunkerton

Daniel Rigdon has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Daniel is the son of Bommoe Sadler and Daniel Rigdon and is a senior at Dunkerton High School.

Earlham

Aloysius Tekippe has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Aloysius is the son of Krista and Ronald Tekippe and is a senior at Earlham High School.

Glidden

Daniel Van Horn has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Daniel is the son of Cynthia and John Van Horn and is a senior at Gidden Ralston High School.

Granville

Collin Ascherl has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Collin is the son of Donna and

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Joe Ascherl and is a senior at MOC-Floyd Valley High School.

Grimes

Nathaniel Dyett has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Nathaniel is the son of Laura and Jaswick Dyett and is a senior at Johnston High School.

Hamburg

Colby McGinley has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Colby is the son of Sarah McGinley and Rodney McGinley and is a senior at Lourdes Central High School.

Hinton

Matthew Veach has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Matthew is the son of Jeana and Gerald Veach and is a senior at Hinton High School.

Hornick

Hanna Hubert has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Hanna is the daughter of Carla and Joel Hubert and is a senior at Woodbury Central High School.

Hubbard

Felix Knutson has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Felix is the son of Danielle and Dallas Knutson and is home schooled.

Iowa City

Jindalae Suh has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Jindalae is the daughter of Laura Crow and DaeHong Suh and is a senior at City High School.

Maquoketa

Isaac Kinrade has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Isaac is the son of Julia and Steven Kinrade and is a senior at Maquoketa High School.

Marion

Justin Fenske has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Justin is the son of Linda and James Fenske and is a senior at Xavier High School.

Mason City

Travis Mallo has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Travis is the son of Wendy and Larry Mallo and is a senior at Mason City High School.

Mount Pleasant

Jackson Bell has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy and to the U.S. Naval Academy. Jackson is the son of Martha and Richard Bell and is a senior at Mt. Pleasant High School.

Norwalk

Alec La Velle has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. Alec is the son of Nancy and Michael La Velle and is a senior at Norwalk High School.

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Oelwein

Sean Steil has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Sean is the son of Karla and John Steil and is a senior at Wapsie Valley High School.

Orange City

William Guthmiller has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. William is the son of Tamara and Martin Guthmiller and is a senior at MOC -Floyd Valley High School.

Ottosen

Adam Wachholz has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Adam is the son of Cindi and James Wachholz and is home schooled.

Paton

Chantel Blair has been nominated to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Chantel is the daughter of Jackie Blair and Ricky Price and is a senior at Jefferson-Scranton High School.

Sioux City

Tyler Reiser has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Tyler is the son of Lisa and Gene Reiser and is a senior at East High School.

Story City

Christopher Morgan has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Christopher is the son of Rose and Keith Morgan and is a senior at Roland-Story High School.

Tabor

James Saker has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy. James is the son of Susan and Jamie Saker and is a senior at Fremont-Mills Sr. High School.

Waterloo

Andrew Foster has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Andrew is the son of Patricia and Craig Foster and is a graduate of West High School. He is currently attending Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio.

West Des Moines

Haley Wireman has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy. Haley is the daughter of Joi and Richard Wireman and is a senior at Valley High School.