

**16. APPLICANT'S MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT (Limited to the visible area.)**

I am interested in becoming a Naval Officer because of the top-notch training and opportunities that the Navy provides. As an officer I know that I will receive the training and guidance needed to achieve a successful career in the military as well as opportunities for a prosperous career in the civilian world after I have completed my service. I am always looking for a challenge, whether it be physical or mental, and the Navy is the best opportunity to prove to myself and others that I can do whatever I set my mind to. Also, as an officer I can put to good use the values and skills that have been taught to me since a young age.

There is a strong tradition of military service in my family, and several members have been in the Navy, including my brother who is currently serving. I have always considered myself a leader and use the values my family has instilled in me to help myself as well as others to reach their goals. As a Navy officer, I know I can utilize these leadership values in addition to the training I will receive to achieve my highest aspirations and help those I am leading to do the same.

I would also consider myself a hard worker and someone who knows the value of a good work ethic and time management. Since an early age I have done odd jobs for neighbors and friends such as baby sitting, house sitting, and grooming horses. Since I was sixteen I have consistently had a job and on several occasions have had more than one at a time. In high school I was able to work 10-20 hours a week and show horses as well as actively participate in FFA and maintain good grades, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Training and competing my horses, which I have been doing for ten years, has required a minimum of 15 hours a week. This included training with my instructor and practicing on my own, caring for the horses both before and after each lesson, and travelling to local horse shows at least one weekend every month. While attending college, I was able to continue riding and competing with my horses while taking 15-20 class hours a semester and working 10-20 hours a week, and I made the Dean's List of Academic Achievement on three separate occasions. I was also able to participate in several on-campus organizations such as the Walter P. Webb Historical Society, Hall Council, and the Kat Krazies (a student spirit organization). In addition, I was able to effectively manage my class schedule to complete my degree in three and a half years. Graduating early was important to me so that my parents would not be spending too much money on my education and I would not have as many loans to pay back after graduation. Since graduating college, I have been working full time as a Recreation Supervisor at a resort while continuing to ride and train horses and participating in the Citizens' Police Academy, which is a twelve-week course that gives ordinary citizens an insight into the inner workings of the local police department. Overall, I have always managed my time and put forth all of my effort to ensure that I was making the most out of every hour of every day. I wish to continue this tradition of hard work and time management in a career with the Navy.

Being a positive role model is also extremely important to me. Through horseback riding I am around many younger girls of all ages. My mother has taught lessons for several years and I often help her students get ready and teach them how to care for the horses. I feel it is very important to be a positive role model for these girls and I try to always set a good example for them. Also, as a Bearkat Camp counselor (Freshmen Traditions Camp) and New Student Orientation Leader at Sam Houston State University as well as a supervisor at my past two jobs, I often work with individuals who are either younger than myself or are simply looking to me for advice and counsel. Because of this, I always try to set a good example and point them in the right direction. It is also my firm opinion that one should never expect anyone to do something for them unless they are willing to do it themselves, and I often implement this philosophy at my work. I plan to utilize the skills I use both at work and with those younger than myself to be an effective officer.

Overall, I would consider myself an excellent officer candidate and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to prove my abilities. I know that with the skills I already possess coupled with the training and opportunities that the Navy will provide, I can become an extremely effective and competent Naval Officer.

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I certify that all statements made in this application and any additional statements pertaining thereto are entirely true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that failure to answer any correspondence accurately or promptly, or failure to accept an appointment tendered to me will subject my application or appointment to cancellation without further notice.

17. Applicant's Name ██████████	18. Applicant's Signature ██████████	19. Applicant's Tele. Number ██████████	20. Date 2012 May 15
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