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FY 2016 ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 10 JANUARY 2014.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EDUCATES SELECTED ARMY OFFICERS, AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE CONGRESS. IT IS A 43 MONTH PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES PURSUIT OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, SERVICE ON THE STAFF OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND UTILIZATION ON THE ARMY OR JOINT STAFF IN A CONGRESSIONAL RELATED DUTY POSITION. THE PROGRAM SEEKS REGULAR ARMY; RESERVE; ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS; AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING PROMOTION POTENTIAL AND HAVE COMBAT TOUR EXPERIENCE. ALSO, OFFICERS MUST HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL COMPANY/BATTERY/TROOP COMMAND OR EQUIVALENT KEY DEVELOPMENTAL (KD) DUTIES FOR THEIR ASSIGNED BRANCH. SELECTED SERVICE MEMBERS BEGIN THE FELLOWSHIP IN MAY 2015 BY PARTICIPATING IN A HQDA ORIENTATION PROGRAM (MAY TO DEC 2015). THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM EDUCATES FELLOWS ON HQDA OPERATIONS AND THE ARMY'S POSITION ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. ALL FELLOWS PARTICIPATE IN THE ORIENTATION WHICH INCLUDES A VARIETY OF MEETINGS, SEMINARS, AND EDUCATIONAL READINGS. THIS ORIENTATION IS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE FELLOW ON HOW HQDA AND OTHER DOD AGENCIES OPERATE. THE ACADEMIC PORTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES THE PURSUIT OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERISTY (GWU). THE ACADEMIC PORTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP BEGINS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HQDA ORIENTATION IN MAY 2015 WITH AN INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM OF STUDY. THE GWU MASTER'S IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PROGRAM IS A RIGOROUS 11 COURSE PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON CONGRESS. THE CURRICULUM EXPOSES STUDENTS TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. THE PROGRAM IS PRIMARILY COMPOSED OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS. THE INCLUSION OF CURRENT CAPITOL HILL STAFFERS IN EACH CLASS OFFERS ARMY FELLOWS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH STAFFERS THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH ON CAPITOL HILL AND DURING FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENTS IN THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ARENA. FELLOWS ENROLL IN CORE COURSES AND ELECTIVES IN THE SUMMER AND FALL 2015 SESSIONS. FELLOWS TAKE ELECTIVE COURSES IN AREAS OF THEIR CHOOSING, PURSUE INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES, AND COMPLETE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS DURING THE PROCEEDING SPRING AND SUMMER 2016 SESSIONS WITH THE GOAL OF EARNING THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS BY THE END OF SUMMER 2016. THE COURSES ARE ONLY OFFERED AT NIGHT FROM 1800-2000 HRS NEAR THE CAPITOL. CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE – IN JANUARY 2016, FELLOWS BEGIN THEIR ASSIGNMENT ON CAPITOL HILL BY SERVING ON THE STAFF OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS OR ON A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. FELLOWS ARE TYPICALLY GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING LEGISLATION, ARRANGING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, WRITING SPEECHES AND FLOOR STATEMENTS, HANDLING DEFENSE RELATED CONSTITUENT ISSUES AND BRIEFING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS AND FLOOR DEBATE. THE CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE ENDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE

114TH CONGRESS (APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 2016).

3. OFFICERS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ILE PHASE II (AOC) AND BE ILE (MEL4) COMPLETE PROVIDING THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: COMPLETE ILE COMMON CORE THROUGH A 14 WEEK ILE SATELLITE COURSE OR THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING, COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND BE IN ZONE FOR ATTENDANCE OR SELECTION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

4. ILE STATEMENT: STARTING WITH YEAR GROUP 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT YEAR GROUPS, INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL EDUCATION (ILE) ATTENDANCE IS GOVERNED BY ARMY DIRECTIVE 2012-21, OPTIMIZATION OF INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION (OILE). OFFICERS COMPETING FOR, OR SELECTED UNDER OILE TO ATTEND A 10-MONTH RESIDENT VENUE AND SELECTED FOR A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM APPROVED FOR AOC CREDIT, ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE 14-WEEK SATELLITE COURSE. IF YOUR BROADENING PROGRAM TIMELINE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND ILE IN THE YEAR YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ILE DEFERMENT OR CHANGE OF VENUE TO DISTANCE LEARNING REQUEST IAW THE ANNUAL ILE MILPER MESSAGE OR CONTACT YOUR CAREER MANAGER FOR ASSISTANCE.

5. SELECTION PROCESS: THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL WILL CONVENE THE WEEK OF 12 MAY 2014 TO SELECT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO FORWARD TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON (OCLL) FOR THE FINAL SELECTION OF FELLOWS. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS IN JUNE 2014.

6. PROGRAM TENURE/LOCATION: REGULAR ARMY FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC; RESERVE FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OCAR, WASHINGTON, DC; AMEDD FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE AMEDD STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX; ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FELLOWS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, ARLINGTON, VA. FELLOWSHIP BEGINS IN MAY 2015 AND COMPLETES JANUARY 2017. MILITARY FELLOWS WILL SERVE AN IMMEDIATE TWO-YEAR UTILIZATION TOUR AT THE COMPLETION OF FELLOWSHIP.

7. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED:

A. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FELLOWSHIP, MILITARY FELLOWS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A TWO YEAR UTILIZATION TOUR.

B. ALL SERVICE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM INCUR TWO SEPARATE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS (ADSOS) IN THE U.S. ARMY. ADSOS WILL BE THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE PERIOD, COMPUTED IN DAYS, FOR EACH DAY SERVED IN THIS PROGRAM. ONE ADSO WILL BE FROM PURSUING A GRADUATE DEGREE AND THE SECOND ADSO WILL BE FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY A COMBINED FOUR YEAR ADSO. BOTH ADSOS WILL BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH EACH OTHER, BUT WILL BE SERVED CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSOS.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: (ALL ARE NON-WAIVERABLE)

A. REGULAR ARMY COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) BE REGULAR ARMY.

(2) BE FROM YEAR GROUPS 1999 THROUGH 2009.

(3) MAJORS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION PRIOR TO 1 MAY 2015. CAPTAINS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(4) MAJORS MUST HAVE SERVED AT LEAST ONE KEY DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENT AS A MAJOR.

(5) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(6) HAVE RECENT COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

(7) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(8) NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE PAID FOR BY THE U.S. ARMY. (THIS MEANS THE TUITION AND FEES WERE SOLELY FUNDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TUITION ASSISTANCE DOES NOT APPLY).

(9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8(E).

B. USAR COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) BE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVIST (AGR). (TPU, IMA, AND IRR RESERVE CANDIDATES MAY PARTICIPATE IF THEY SUBMIT THE STATEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH TEN (G)). (IF SELECTED AS A CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, AMEDD TPU, IMA, AND IRR CANDIDATES MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE AHRC, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION CHIEF IN ORDER TO BE ACCESSED INTO AGR STATUS.)

(2) HAVE A BASIC ACTIVE SERVICE DATE (BASD) OF 1 JULY 2001 OR LATER.

(3) HAVE A MANDATORY RETIREMENT (MRD) DATE OF 1 JULY 2023 OR LATER.

(4) NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TIME IN GRADE (TIG) AS OF MAY 2015 FOR THOSE IN THE RANK OF MAJOR. (WAIVERS MAY BE GRANTED FOR MORE SENIOR APPLICANTS IN FUNCTIONAL AREAS 46 (PUBLIC AFFAIRS), 51 (ACQUISITION), AND AMEDD IF APPROVED BY YOUR CAREER MANAGER.)

(5) HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(6) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(7) HAVE RECENT COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

(8) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8(E).

C. ARNG COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) HOLD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN OR MAJOR. (MAJORS MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TIME IN GRADE (TIG) AS OF MAY 2015.)

(2) BE IN THE TITLE 10 AGR OR TITLE 32 AGR PROGRAM.

(3) HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(4) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(5) HAVE RECENT COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

(6) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(7) TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY) SOLDIERS MAY APPLY TO PROGRAM IF THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL (TAG) SUBMITS A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT IF SELECTED THE CANDIDATE WILL BE PLACED ON TITLE 32 AGR STATUSES.

(8) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8(E).

D. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NCO):

(1) BE RA, USAR-AGR, OR ARNG.

(2) HOLD THE RANK OF E9/SERGEANT MAJOR OR COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR.

(3) HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS TIME IN GRADE AND 1 YEAR AS OPERATIONS SERGEANT MAJOR OR EQUIVALENT.

(4) HAVE NO LESS THAN SIX YEARS UNTIL RETENTION CONTROL POINT (RCP) OR MANDATORY RETIREMENT DATE (MRD) IS REACHED, AS OF MAY 2015.

(5) BE A GRADUATE OF THE U.S. ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY OR SISTER SERVICE ACADEMY EQUIVALENT, AS OF MAY 2014.

(6) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(7) HAVE RECENT DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONAL/COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

(8) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8(E).

E. ALL CANDIDATES:

(1) POSSESS A BACHELOR DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.

(2) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER. (NOT REQUIRED IF YOU ALREADY POSSESS A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE.) CANDIDATES THAT OBTAINED AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 AND DO NOT HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE MUST SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC READINESS (SEE PARAGRAPH TEN (H)). CANDIDATES THAT OBTAINED AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA LESS THAN 2.8 AND DO NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAM.

(3) HAVE EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ARMY SERVICE.

(4) HAVE THE INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND ABILITY TO INTERACT AND FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

(5) BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

(6) BE ABLE TO SERVE/COMPLETE A TWO YEAR UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

(7) BE ABLE TO BEGIN FELLOWSHIP ON OR ABOUT 01 MAY 2015.

(8) NOT CURRENTLY FLAGGED OR HAVE ANY TYPE OF ADVERSE ACTIONS PENDING.

9. HOW TO APPLY: ONLY FOR RA AND USAR CANDIDATES. (ARNG CANDIDATES PLEASE GO TO PARAGRAPH NINE (E) FOR INSTRUCTIONS.)

A. NOT LATER THAN 10 JANUARY 2014, EMAIL YOUR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (DA) FORM 4187 (PERSONNEL ACTION) TO JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW. SUBJECT TITLE OF EMAIL "REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR B.O.P.":

(1) BLOCK ONE: TYPE THE ADDRESS OF THE COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT THAT WILL SIGN/ENDORSE YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.

(2) BLOCK TWO: IN THIS BLOCK TYPE IN AHRC, ATTN: MR. STROUT, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVE, FORT KNOX, KY 40122.

(3) BLOCK THREE: TYPE IN YOUR MILITARY ADDRESS.

(4) BLOCK FOUR: TYPE YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL.

(5) BLOCK FIVE: TYPE YOUR CURRENT GRADE/RANK AND CAREER FIELD/MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SERIES.

(6) BLOCK SIX: TYPE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

(7) BLOCK SEVEN: SKIP.

(8) BLOCK EIGHT: CHECK LINE TITLED "OTHER" AND TYPE IN B.O.P.

(9) BLOCK NINE: HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK WITH YOUR SIGNATURE.

(10) BLOCK 10: TYPE IN THE DATE YOU ARE SIGNING YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.

(11) SECTION IV REMARKS SECTION:

(A) TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S) IN ORDER OF MY PREFERENCE: (LIST THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS (B.O.P.) YOU WISH TO COMPETE FOR IN ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCE. SEE PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN FOR A LIST OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE).

(B) MY DEFENSE LANGUAGE APTITUDE BATTERY (DLAB) SCORE IS _____. I TOOK THIS TEST ON YYYYMMDD. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE DLAB TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES THE DLAB SCORE, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES A DLAB SCORE INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE DLAB TEST.)

(C) MY GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) SCORES ARE VERBAL REASONING_____; QUANTITATIVE REASONING_____; ANALYTICAL WRITING_____. I TOOK THIS TEST ON YYYYMMDD. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE GRE TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE GRE TEST.)

(D) MY UNDERGRADUTE DEGREE GPA IS_____.

(E) MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS _____. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE TYPE IN NONE. DO NOT TYPE IN YOUR GPA IF YOU ARE STILL PURSUING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE.)

(F) I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE(S) ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM(S) I AM APPLYING FOR. I AUTHORIZE AHRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

(G) I UNDERSTAND IF I AM APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY FIRST PREFERENCE AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND MY SELECTION OR NON-SELECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE SELECTION PANEL'S ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) OF THE PROGRAMS I AM REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR. I UNDERSTAND IF I AM SELECTED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS I AM COMPETING FOR, I WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ANY FURTHER FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND I WILL ACCEPT THE PROGRAM I WAS SELECTED FOR.

(H) MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS:_____.

(12) BLOCK11: YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT MUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(13) BLOCK12: TYPE YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT'S SIGNATURE BLOCK.

(14) BLOCK13: YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT MUST HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK.

(15) BLOCK14: TYPE IN THE DATE YOUR COLONEL/O6 OR CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT SIGNS THIS FORM.

(NOTE: YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT THE DA FORM 4187-1-R (PERSONNEL ACTION FORM ADDENDUM) WITH YOUR DA FORM 4187-1 IF YOUR COMMAND REQUIRES YOUR REQUEST TO GO THROUGH ADDITIONAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY.)

B. CANDIDATES MUST ALSO SUBMIT THEIR MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE.

C. YOUR NOMINATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY YOUR CAREER BRANCH AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. IF YOU ARE APPROVED TO COMPETE, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM MR. JOEL STROUT INSTRUCTING YOU TO EMAIL HIM THE DOCUMENTS LISTED AT PARAGRAPH TEN. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH TEN MUST REACH MR. STROUT NOT LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2014. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED INTO YOUR APPLICATION PACKET. EMAILED DOCUMENTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

D. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE WAIT AT LEAST TEN WORKING DAYS, AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST, BEFORE

INQUIRING.

E. ARNG CANDIDATES SHOULD SEND COMPLETE PAPER APPLICATION PACKET TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, ATTENTION: MS LINDA CONLIN, 1636 DEFENSE PENTAGON, NGB-ROOM 1D 165, WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1636 NOT LATER THAN 14 MARCH 2014. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MS. LINDA CONLIN AT LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAIL.MIL OR 703-607-5477. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LL](http://www.nationalguard.mil/ll). ARNG TITLE 10 CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A DA 4187 SIGNED FROM THEIR OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), G-STAFF COLONEL. TITLE 32, NATIONAL GUARD CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT AN APPROVED AND SIGNED TAG RELEASE MEMORANDUM. TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY) SOLDIERS MAY APPLY TO PROGRAM IF THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL (TAG) SUBMITS WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT IF SELECTED THE CANDIDATE WILL BE PLACED ON TITLE 32 AGR STATUSES. EXAMPLE OF THE DA 4187 AND MEMORANDUMS ARE PROVIDED AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LL](http://www.nationalguard.mil/ll).

10. APPLICATION PACKET: (MUST REACH MR. STROUT NLT 28 FEBRUARY 2014) (MUST BE IN *.TIFF FORMAT.)

(A) ALL CANDIDATES: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE EXPLAINING REASON(S) WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM. (TYPED, NOT MORE THAN 1 PAGE IN LENGTH, 1 INCH MARGINS, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "WHY I AM APPLYING FOR AN ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP".)

(B) ALL CANDIDATES: CIVILIAN RESUME WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IN-ORDER: NAME, CURRENT GRADE, MAILING ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS, BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY WORK EXPERIENCE, WITH DATES (DON'T GO BACK MORE THAN FIVE JOBS), EDUCATION (INCLUDE TYPE OF DEGREE, DEGREE MAJOR, DATES ATTENDED UNIVERSITY, GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND NAME OF INSTITUTION), BRIEF ACCOUNTING OF LANGUAGES, SPECIAL SKILLS, AND INTERESTS.

(C) ALL CANDIDATES: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR). MINIMUM OF TWO AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE. ONE LOR MUST BE FROM CURRENT COMMAND. (LOR CAN BE IN LETTER OR MEMORANDUM FORMAT. ADDRESS LOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SELECTION PANEL) (SUGGESTION: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM HAVE THE RECOMMENDER RECOMMEND YOU FOR "ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM" INSTEAD OF A SPECIFIC PROGRAM.)

(D) ALL CANDIDATES: ALL ORIGINAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS (MUST BE READABLE). (IF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS ARE IN IPERMS AND ARE READABLE YOU DO NOT NEED TO EMAIL THEM.)

(E) USAR TPU, IRR, & IMA OFFICERS ONLY: CURRENT OFFICER RECORD BRIEF (ORB)/BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD BRIEF (BRB).

(F) ALL CANDIDATES: LATEST DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORECARD). INCLUDE THE DA FROM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE.

(G) ONLY TPU, IMA & IRR OFFICERS: SIGNED AND DATED STATEMENT STATING "IF SELECTED FOR ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM I AM APPLYING FOR, I AGREE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT INTO THE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) PROGRAM FOR THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM (INCLUDES UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT) I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR. I UNDERSTAND I WILL REVERT BACK TO MY RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPA, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM OR AT THE CONVEINENCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND I WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROGRAM IF I AM NOT ACCESSED INTO THE

AGR PROGRAM.” (TYPED, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT “ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) STATEMENT”). IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR AN AGR APPOINTMENT.

(H) CANDIDATES WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 AND NO GRADUATE DEGREE ONLY: STATEMENT EXPLAINING YOUR ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT. ALSO STATE THE CIRCUMSTANCE(S) OR WHY YOU OBTAINED AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 (I.E. PLAYED FOUR YEARS OF A D1 ATHLETIC SPORT, OR SWITCHED PROGRAMS, FAMILY EMERGENCY, ETC) (TYPED, NO MORE THAN 1 PAGE, TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, FONT SIZE IS 12. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT “ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT”).

(I) CANDIDATES WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 2.8 AND WITHOUT A GRADUATE DEGREE OR JURIS DOCTORATE ONLY: COPY OF CURRENT GRADUATE RECORD EXAM SCORES. (TEST DATE MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF MAY 2015).

11. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND RECORD BRIEF IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS. UPDATES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 28 FEBRUARY 2014.

12. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPHS NINE, TEN AND ELEVEN ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE, AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

13. FOR THE MILPER MESSAGE FOR EACH OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE GO TO <HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/OFFICER/BROADENING%20OPPORTUNITY%20PROGRAMS> OR <HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/MILPER>.

A. AVAILABLE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS:

(1) U.S. ARMY CYBER COMMAND SCHOLARSHIP.

(2) ARROYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.

(3) U.S. ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

(4) GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP.

(5) U.S. ARMY G-6, INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP (IASP).

(6) JCS/OSD/ARSTAF INTERNSHIP.

(7) GEORGE AND CAROL OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP.

(8) ARMY G-3/5/7 REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP (LTC LEVEL):

(A) ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.

(B) GEORGE C. MARSHALL EUROPEAN CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.

(C) DOS STRATEGIC POLICY PLANNING FELLOWSHIP.

(9) HQDA, HARVARD STRATEGIST SCHOLARSHIP.

B. ANY PROGRAM ADDED TO YOUR PREFERENCE LIST THAT IS NOT FROM THE LIST ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

14. DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM TO:

A. RA AND USAR CANDIDATES: JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL

B. ARNG CANDIDATES: LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAIL.MIL

15. CONCLUSION:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS THREE FOLD: (1) PROVIDE OUTSTANDING OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH STRONG PROMOTION POTENTIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND CONGRESS; (2) EXPOSE AS MANY CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF ARMY OFFICERS, AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS. ALSO, TO HELP CONGRESS LEARN ABOUT THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION THROUGH CONTACT WITH ARMY FELLOWS WORKING IN THEIR OFFICE; AND (3) DEVELOP A POOL OF OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM WHICH SOME MAY BE SELECTED FOR FUTURE UTILIZATION IN THE FIELD ON CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON. OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS LOOKING FOR A FAST PACED, EXCITING, AND BROADENING OPPORTUNITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BEST CANDIDATES FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY.
