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**Title  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

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1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 30 DECEMBER 2015.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

A. OVERVIEW: THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EDUCATES HIGHLY-QUALIFIED ARMY SERVICE MEMBERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMY AND CONGRESS. IT IS A 44-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 STAFF IN A CONGRESSIONAL-RELATED DUTY POSITION. THE PROGRAM SEEKS SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING PROMOTION POTENTIAL.

B. ORIENTATION AND ACADEMICS: SELECTED PARTICIPANTS BEGIN THE FELLOWSHIP WITH AN HQDA ORIENTATION PROGRAM, WHICH EDUCATES FELLOWS ON HQDA OPERATIONS AND THE ARMY'S POSITION ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. THE ACADEMIC PORTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP BEGINS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE HQDA ORIENTATION AND INCLUDES AN INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM OF STUDY AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERISTY (GWU). THE GWU MASTER'S IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS CONSISTS OF A RIGOROUS, 11-COURSE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON CONGRESS. THE CURRICULUM EXPOSES STUDENTS TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS COMPRISE THE LARGE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS ARMY FELLOWS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH OTHERS WORKING ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ARENA. FELLOWS ENROLL IN CORE COURSES AND ELECTIVES IN THE SUMMER AND FALL 2017 SESSIONS. FELLOWS TAKE ELECTIVE COURSES IN AREAS OF THEIR CHOOSING, PURSUE INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES, AND COMPLETE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS DURING THE PROCEEDING SPRING SESSION WITH THE GOAL OF EARNING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS BY THE END OF SPRING 2018.

C. THE CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE: IN JANUARY 2018, 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 PRIOR TO COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS AND FLOOR DEBATE. THE CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE ENDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 115TH CONGRESS (APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 2018).

D. FELLOWS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ILE PHASE II (AOC) AND BE ILE (MEL4) COMPLETE PROVIDED THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: COMPLETE ILE COMMON CORE THROUGH

A 14-WEEK ILE SATELLITE COURSE OR THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING, AND COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT ILE COMMON CORE QUALIFIED PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR DISTANCE LEARNING DURING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OR SATELLITE ILE IN JANUARY 2021.

3. ILE STATEMENT: INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL EDUCATION (ILE) ATTENDANCE IS GOVERNED BY ARMY REGULATION 350-1, ARMY TRAINING AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT. 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.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

A. THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY FISCAL YEAR 2018 ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL WILL CONVENE 10 THROUGH 13 MAY 2016 TO SELECT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CANDIDATES.

B. THE APPLICATIONS OF THOSE SELECTED, BY THE HRC SELECTION PANEL, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON (OCLL) FOR FINAL SELECTION OF FELLOWS.

C. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HRC SELECTION PANEL RESULTS IN JUNE 2016 AND FINAL RESULTS IN SEPTEMBER 2016.

5. FELLOWSHIP TENURE/LOCATION:

A. NON-AMEDD ACTIVE COMPONENT FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC; RESERVE COMPONENT 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 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, ARLINGTON, VA.

B. THE FELLOWSHIP BEGINS IN MAY 2017 AND COMPLETES JANUARY 2019. MILITARY FELLOWS WILL SERVE AN IMMEDIATE TWO-YEAR UTILIZATION TOUR THROUGH DECEMBER 2020.

6. 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 CONCURRENTLY WITH EACH OTHER, BUT WILL BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSOS.

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

A. ACTIVE COMPONENT OFFICERS:

- (1) CAPTAINS MUST BE FROM YEAR GROUPS 2008 THROUGH 2010 AND MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.
- (2) MAJORS MUST BE FROM YEAR GROUPS 2004 THROUGH 2006 AND MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION.
- (3) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.
- (4) MAJORS MUST HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE.
- (5) MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE "KEY DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT" IAW DA PAM 600-3, FOR CURRENT GRADE.
- (6) DEMONSTRATE AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".
- (7) MUST 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).
- (8) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (DARPA) OR THE HQDA STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS PROGRAMS.
- (9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 7, E.

B. RESERVE COMPONENT OFFICERS:

- (1) BE AN ACTIVE GUARD RESERVIST (AGR). (TPU, IMA, AND IRR RESERVE CANDIDATES MAY PARTICIPATE IF THEY SUBMIT THE STATEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 8, A (6)) (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 2003 OR LATER.
- (3) HAVE A MANDATORY RETIREMENT (MRD) DATE OF 1 JULY 2025 OR LATER.
- (4) HOLD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN OR MAJOR. MAJORS MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TIME IN GRADE (TIG) AS OF MAY 2017. (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) CAPTAINS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.
- (6) MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE "KEY DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT" IAW DA PAM 600-3, FOR CURRENT GRADE.
- (7) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL

CONDITION.

(8) DEMONSTRATE AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(9) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (DARPA) OR THE HQDA STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS PROGRAMS.

(10) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 7, E.

C. ARNG COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) HOLD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN OR MAJOR. MAJORS MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TIME IN GRADE AS OF MAY 2017.

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

(3) CAPTAINS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

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

(5) MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE "KEY DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT" IAW DA PAM 600-3, FOR CURRENT GRADE.

(6) DEMONSTRATE AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(7) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (DARPA) OR THE HQDA STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS PROGRAMS.

(8) TITLE 32 AGR AND TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY) SOLDIERS MAY APPLY TO THE PROGRAM IF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (TAG) PROVIDES AN APPROVED AND SIGNED TAG RELEASE MEMORANDUM WITH THE APPLICATION PACKET.

(9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 7, E.

D. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:

(1) BE ACTIVE COMPONENT OR ACTIVE GUARD RESERVIST OR NATIONAL GUARD.

(2) HOLD THE RANK OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR/SERGEANT MAJOR (E-9) OR FIRST SERGEANT/MASTER SERGEANT (E-8).

(3) CSM/SGM AND 1SG/MSG APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A DOR OF 2 MAY 2015 OR EARLIER.

(4) CSM/SGM APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A BASD OF 1 JULY 1989 OR LATER AND A DOB OF 1 JULY 1959 OR LATER.

(5) 1SG/MSG APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A BASD OF 1 JULY 1992 OR LATER AND A DOB OF 1 JULY 1959 OR LATER.

(6) 1SG/MSG APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR PROMOTION TO SGM WHILE IN THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WILL NOT ATTEND THE UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY

RESIDENT COURSE BUT WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE NON-RESIDENT COURSE.

(7) ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED ALL REQUISITE LEVELS OF NCOES FOR THEIR RANK TO INCLUDE STRUCTURED SELF DEVELOPMENT.

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

(9) APPLICANTS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE QUALITATIVE SERVICE AND QUALITATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

(10) DEMONSTRATES AND SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(11) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (DARPA) OR THE HQDA STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS PROGRAMS.

(12) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 7, E.

E. ALL CANDIDATES:

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

(2) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER. (NOT REQUIRED IF YOU ALREADY POSSESS A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE). CANDIDATES THAT EARNED A BACHELOR'S 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 8, A (7). CANDIDATES THAT EARNED A BACHELOR'S GPA BELOW 2.8 AND DO NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAM, SEE PARAGRAPH 8, A (8).

(3) NOT BE PENDING ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS OR BE AT RISK FOR PROMOTION.

(4) HAVE EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ARMY SERVICE.

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

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

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

(8) BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE FELLOWSHIP ON OR ABOUT 01 MAY 2017.

8. HOW TO APPLY: ONLY FOR ACTIVE COMPONENT (AC) AND RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) CANDIDATES. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (ARNG) CANDIDATES PLEASE GO TO PARAGRAPH 11 FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

A. NOT LATER THAN 30 DECEMBER 2015, EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO [JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL](mailto:JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL). SUBJECT TITLE OF EMAIL "REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR B.O.P.":

(1) DA FORM 4187 (PERSONNEL ACTION) WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW:

BLOCK 1	TYPE THE ADDRESS OF THE APPROVER THAT WILL SIGN/ENDORSE YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.
BLOCK 2	TYPE IN AHRC, ATTN: MR. STROUT, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVE, FORT KNOX, KY 40122.
BLOCK 3	YOUR MILITARY ADDRESS.
BLOCK 4	YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL.
BLOCK 5	YOUR CURRENT GRADE/RANK AND CAREER FIELD/MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SERIES.
BLOCK 6	YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.
BLOCK 7	LEAVE BLANK.
BLOCK 8	CHECK LINE TITLED "OTHER" AND TYPE IN B.O.P.
BLOCK 9	HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK WITH YOUR SIGNATURE.
BLOCK 10	TYPE IN THE DATE YOU ARE SIGNING YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.
SECTION IV REMARKS	(A) I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S) IN ORDER OF MY PREFERENCE (NOTE: ONLY THE PROGRAMS LISTED AT PARAGRAPH NINE BELOW WILL BE CONSIDERED).
	(B) MY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GPA IS _____.
	(C) MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS _____. (IF DON'T HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE TYPE IN NONE. DO NOT TYPE IN YOUR GPA IF YOU ARE STILL PURSUING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE).
	(D) MY GRE SCORES ARE: VERBAL_____; QUANTITATIVE_____; ANALYTICAL_____. DATE TAKEN_____ (NOTE: IF ONE OF THE PROGRAMS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR REQUIRES THE GRE TEST, YOU MUST INDICATE THE SCORES OR THE DATE YOU WILL TAKE THE TEST, OTHERWISE, TYPE IN N/A).
	(E) MY DLAB SCORE IS _____. DATE TAKEN _____. (NOTE: IF ONE OF THE PROGRAMS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR REQUIRES THE DLAB TEST, YOU MUST INDICATE A SCORE OR THE DATE YOU WILL TAKE THE TEST, OTHERWISE, TYPE IN N/A).
	(F) I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATION(S) AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE(S) ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM(S) I AM APPLYING FOR. I AUTHORIZE HRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO A B.O.P.
	(G) MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: _____.
BLOCK 11	YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND COLONEL OR HIGHER MUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO COMPETE.
BLOCK 12	TYPE APPROVER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK.
BLOCK 13	APPROVER MUST HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK.

BLOCK 14 | TYPE IN THE DATE THE APPROVER SIGNS THIS FORM.

(2) ESSAY OF NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS. STATEMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN WHAT UNIQUE ABILITIES YOU WOULD BRING TO THE PROGRAM AND HOW BEING SELECTED WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS. (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT. YOUR NAME/GRADE MUST BE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "WHY I SHOULD BE SELECTED").

(3) 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. (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT).

(4) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR). MINIMUM OF TWO AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE. ONE LOR MUST BE FROM CURRENT COMMANDER. (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT. ADDRESS TO "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).

(5) ONLY NCOS AND NON-AGR CANDIDATES: MUST SUBMIT THEIR CURRENT RECORD BRIEF.

(6) 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 THAT AS A USAR AGR, MY MILITARY RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE END OF MY INITIAL THREE-YEAR AGR TOUR. IF THE REVIEW OF MY MILITARY RECORDS IS SATISFACTORY, I WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF EITHER 1) BEING PLACED ON AGR INDEFINITE STATUS, OR 2) REVERTING BACK TO MY ORIGINAL RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPU, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZATION. IF THE REVIEW OF MY MILITARY RECORDS IS UNSATISFACTORY, I UNDERSTAND I WILL REVERT BACK TO MY ORIGINAL RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPU, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZATION. I ALSO UNDERSTAND I WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROGRAM IF I AM NOT ACCEPTED INTO THE AGR PROGRAM." (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT. YOUR NAME/GRADE MUST BE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) STATEMENT"). IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR AN AGR APPOINTMENT.

(7) CANDIDATES WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 AND NO GRADUATE DEGREE MUST SUBMIT STATEMENT EXPLAINING ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT. (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT AND NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE. YOUR NAME/GRADE MUST BE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT").

(8) CANDIDATES WITH A BACHELOR'S 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 2017).

(9) MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA

FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE. DATE OF TEST MUST BE WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM 10 MAY 2016.

(10) READABLE COPY OF ALL "OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS. IF A READABLE COPY IS IN YOUR IPERMS ACCOUNT, NO NEED TO SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION. (NOTE: YOU MAYBE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPTS IF SELECTED).

(11) ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM: THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "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 PROGRAM(S) I AM REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR. I UNDERSTAND IF I AM SELECTED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) I AM COMPETING FOR, I WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND I WILL ACCEPT THE PROGRAM I WAS SELECTED FOR." (CAN BE IN ANY FORMAT. YOUR NAME/GRADE MUST BE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.").

B. DOCUMENTS, LISTED IN PARAGRAPH EIGHT ABOVE, MUST BE EMAILED IN THIS ORDER: DA FORM 4187; ESSAY; RESUME; LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION; ACADEMIC STATEMENT; OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS; DA FORM 705 AND DA FORM 5500; AGR STATEMENT; STATEMENT OF APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM; GRE SCORES; RECORD BRIEF. DOCUMENTS MUST BE EMAILED IN \*.TIFF SINGLE PAGE FORMAT.

C. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER 30 DECEMBER 2015 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED INTO YOUR APPLICATION PACKET. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPH EIGHT ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

D. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND RECORD BRIEF (ORB/ERB) IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS.

E. YOUR NOMINATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY YOUR CAREER BRANCH AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL STATING YOUR STATUS.

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

9. BROADENING PROGRAMS YOU MAY LIST IN YOUR DA FORM 4187 (MILPER NUMBERS ARE AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop)) (NOTE: ONLY APPLY FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU MEET ALL THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR, OTHERWISE, YOUR REQUEST WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION).

A. ARMY CYBER COMMAND SCHOLARSHIP.

B. ARROYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.

C. ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES (APCSS) FELLOWSHIP.

D. ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

E. GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP.

F. GEORGE C. MARSHALL EUROPEAN CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP.

G. HQDA HARVARD STRATEGIST PROGRAM.

H. JCS/OSD/ARSTAF INTERNSHIP.

I. GEORGE & CAROL OLMSTED SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

J. HQDA, STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS.

10. IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAMS, YOU MUST EMAIL EACH APPLICATION IN A SEPARATE EMAIL, IAW THAT PROGRAM'S MILPER. YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT YOUR DA FORM 4187 WITH EACH APPLICATION. ONLY ONE DA FORM 4187 IS REQUIRED LISTING ALL THE PROGRAMS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR.

11. ARNG CANDIDATES: PLEASE SEND COMPLETE PAPER APPLICATION PACKET TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, ATTENTION: MS LINDA CONLIN, 1636 DEFENSE PENTAGON, NGB-ROOM 1D165, WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1636 NOT LATER THAN 16 MARCH 2016. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MS. LINDA CONLIN AT [LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAILMIL](mailto:LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAILMIL) OR 703-607-5477. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX](http://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX). ARNG TITLE 10 CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A DA 4187 SIGNED BY THEIR OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), G-STAFF COLONEL. TITLE 32 AGR AND TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY) NATIONAL GUARD CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT AN APPROVED AND SIGNED TAG RELEASE MEMORANDUM AND A DA FORM 4187. EXAMPLE OF THE DA FORM 4187 AND MEMORANDUM ARE PROVIDED AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX](http://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX).

12. POINTS OF CONTACT:

A. AC & RC COMPONENT CANDIDATES: [JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL](mailto:JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL).

B. ARNG CANDIDATES: [LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAIL.MIL](mailto:LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAIL.MIL).

13. CONCLUSION: THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS THREE FOLD:

(1) PROVIDE OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEMBERS WITH STRONG PROMOTION POTENTIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND CONGRESS.

(2) EXPOSE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF ARMY SERVICE MEMBERS. ALSO, TO HELP CONGRESS LEARN ABOUT THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION

THROUGH CONTACT WITH ARMY FELLOWS WORKING IN THEIR OFFICE.

(3) DEVELOP A POOL OF OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM WHICH SOME MAY BE SELECTED FOR FUTURE UTILIZATION IN THE FIELD OF LEGISLATIVE 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.