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Mr. Cantergiani,  
Attached is the application for the AFIO scholarship approved by LTC  
Sevigny. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You,  
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# **Military Intelligence Scholarship**

**Kylie Cook**

**Fall 2009**

**University of New Mexico Army ROTC**

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From: Colonel Scott E. Kerchner, USMC (Ret)  
To: President of the Military Intelligence Scholarship Selection Board

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION BOARD FOR KYLIE COOK

I have known Kylie Cook since 1998. I have lived next door to her parents since that time. I have observed and associated with her over the years and have watched her develop into a fine American citizen.

Throughout this period Kylie has always been academically inclined and her grade point average (GPA) is representative. Kylie presently holds a 4.1 cumulative GPA and continues to distinguish herself in all matters related to her studies. She is a member of the National Society of the Scabbard and Blade, the Reserve Officer Training Corps Honors Society.

Kylie is a natural leader. Although leadership can be taught to some degree, Kylie is one who is able to naturally motivate those around her to get the job accomplished. Kylie is what I call a positive leader; her juniors/peers make her look good because they want to. I have observed her in a group setting on numerous occasions; she works well with others and understands teamwork/teambuilding methods. Kylie has an infectious personality. She is not a prankster, nor is she a wallflower. Kylie has the right balance of levity with seriousness coupled with a bright smile. Kylie possesses a keen intellect, is articulate and through outstanding leadership skills, can accomplish any task. She is a team builder, consensus facilitator and all who have worked with her would agree.

Kylie is also athletically inclined and participates in a number of skill events like the Ranger Challenge and is a member of the ROTC intramural volleyball team.

She will be successful in any endeavor she undertakes. I am confident that Kylie will take every advantage afforded to her by receiving the Military Intelligence Scholarship and I give my highest recommendation to her. Her receipt of the scholarship will go a long way toward achieving her goal of becoming an officer in the United States Army.

For questions concerning my recommendation, please feel free to contact me at (760)-315-3559 or [scott.kerchner@sheeatikatech.com](mailto:scott.kerchner@sheeatikatech.com).

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For at least five years now, possibly more, I have been fascinated with investigations and intelligence. Mystery and crime-solving television shows initially sparked my interest as a young teenager, and ever since then my goal has been to be involved in the investigation and intelligence fields; mostly with a focus in agencies such as the FBI or CIA. I am also very interested in law, therefore the JAG Corps and Military Intelligence are the two branches at the top of my list of choices.

There are a couple of reasons I am interested in the Military Intelligence branch compared to other Army branches. One reason is this branch is unique from the others in that its focus is on finding the information necessary to defend our country from external threats, and in a wartime situation to retrieve accurate information so that soldiers are safe and have everything they need to do their job. Military intelligence personnel provide specific information needed to have a successful mission, such as locations, enemies, maps, etc. Another reason I am interested in this field is because there are many different parts that make up the military intelligence branch. There are different types of intelligence, therefore there has to be different specializations for Army officers in this field. For example, there is counterintelligence, human intelligence, all-source intelligence aviators, and a few others – all contained in one branch (and all of which sound interesting to me). Many imagine military intelligence personnel sitting in a dark room full of computers and headsets, with map boards and pictures all over the walls, but this is not necessarily the case for all military intelligence officers. Depending on specialization area, a military intelligence officer could be both behind a desk and out in the field searching for information, which is a really great aspect of the branch. I enjoy the idea that I potentially could have many different options and field choices, and my job would not necessarily be all of one type of investigating for intelligence information.

Overall, the Military Intelligence branch is one of the highest contenders in the list of branches I am interested in. Just the basics of the branch – the investigation and hunting down of important data – are something that interests me, as well as the variety of job potential there is within the branch. This branch is a very important combat support branch because it makes the jobs of the soldiers easier, more successful, and can keep many out of harm and avoid risks, and that I have a chance to participate in it is a great opportunity.