

AFIO SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

TO: AFIO SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
FROM: MIDN LOVEKAMP
SUBJECT: AFIO SCHOLARSHIP
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My name is Kristopher Lovekamp. I am a Second Class Midshipman at the University of New Mexico NROTC unit. I am currently on pace to graduate and Commission as an officer in the United States Navy in May of 2011. From a young age, I have aspired for a career in the military and nothing excites me more than the thought that I will soon have the opportunity to work with and lead some of the most well trained and dedicated individuals in the world. The success of every mission that I. or anyone else in the military, will engage in in the future depends wholly on accurate and timely acquisition of intelligence. It is of the utmost Importance that the individuals responsible for these tasks are the best in their field and are held to the highest standards. It is for these reasons that I am incredibly interested in the intelligence community. and hold it in the highest esteem. I personally strive to be one of the few sailors that will be on the ground, potentially in the heat of combat, and in such a situation, my life would depend completely on the intelligence that I would be briefed on.

Aside from the Navy, I am very interested in FBI and CIA work. After my time in the Navy, I would be very interested in pursuing a career with either of these organizations. Like the military, it is incredibly appealing to me that I would have the opportunity to serve and protect my country in either of these jobs. Even though the missions and duties of the FBI and CIA differ somewhat from what I am currently preparing for, their success depends just as heavily on reliable intelligence. In essence, the combined importance of this cross-cutting community lies in the fact that they are the basis of our ability to protect our country.

Overall, a career in intelligence appeals to me for several reasons. One influential reason is because it requires both physical and mental strength above and beyond that of most any other. The potential of a job to challenge me every day and require me to be the best at whatever I do is also very important to me. But the most important reason in my eyes, regardless of being in the Navy, CIA, or FBI, is being tasked with collecting, making sense of, and acting on the intelligence necessary to keep my country safe. For that reason more than any other. I aspire for a career like this.

Very Respectfully,
MIDN Lovekamp