

AFIO SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

TO: AFIO SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
FROM: MIDN POWELL
SUBJECT: AFIO SCHOLARSHIP
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My name is Travis Powell and I am a second class midshipman at the University of New Mexico Naval ROTC. I am a marine option and am very excited to one day lead marines. I joined this program because I knew I wanted to be a marine officer and that I wanted to be challenged. I am a junior in the University and this is my third year in NROTC. I knew I wanted to be a Marine Corps officer because I felt that if I was going to join the military, I wanted to be part of the Marine Corps where you are constantly challenged and your accomplishments can instill confidence in your personal bearing.

I feel that I deserve this scholarship because most importantly, I have maintained a high cumulative GPA throughout the two and a half years I have been at the University of New Mexico. My current cumulative GPA is a 3.5 and my studies have focused mostly on the field of exercise science which deals much with human anatomy and physiology and also exercise physiology. My strong GPA displays the fact that I am very good at managing my time effectively to both do well in the UNM NROTC program and also in my academics. Throughout my years in ROTC, I have been on the color guard team and I am now color guard commander. Being the color guard commander has taught me to take initiative to ensure desirable results are achieved and it has also taught me to interact well with different types of people. I have also been a squad leader and platoon commander in the program. These billets have developed my leadership abilities very effectively by teaching me how to take care of issues in advance and have also taught me to look out for the welfare of the students in my command. From a physical fitness standpoint, my physical fitness scores for the Marine Corps PFT (physical fitness test) are never lower than 295 out of 300. Although I do not consistently score a 300 on the PFT my score is never less than 295. I also thoroughly enjoy running. Throughout high school, I ran cross country and track all four years. For three years I was on the varsity team for both cross country and track. In high school the fastest time I ran for three miles was 15 minutes and 47 seconds. I take pride in my running and I feel that running has instilled my hard working work ethic not only in my physical fitness, but also in my commitment to UNM NROTC and my academics.

The intelligence field is a field I have always been interested in when becoming a Marine Corps officer. I find it very interesting to have different types of interactions with people of different cultures to gain knowledge in order to help keep marines and other service men and women safe. I know that most of the ground occupations in the Marine Corps whether it be infantry, reconnaissance, artillery, or communications depend on intelligence to give them information to aid with many tasks such as neutralizing enemies, learning the location of helpful resources, or learning where an enemy stronghold is. Knowing this about the intelligence field makes me very interested in becoming an intelligence officer because I would be helping or interacting with many different ground occupations in the Marine Corps.

Very Respectfully,

MIDN Powell