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MEMORANDUM FOR AFROTC DETACHMENT 205 APPLICANTS

FROM: AFROTC DET 205/CC
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1. Welcome to Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 205, home of the Soaring Warriors! As an inbound active cadet, you are required to attend the New Cadet Orientation on Saturday, 17 August, from 0730 – 1400 (7:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.). This orientation is a crucial step in your journey with us. ALL cadets (i.e., SIUC, John A. Logan College (JALC), and Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) cadets) and their families (if attending) will meet at the Grinnell Hall Study Hub on the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) campus: 275 E. Park Street, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The New Cadet Orientation facilitates your transition into the AFROTC environment. It will involve processing your application paperwork and informative presentations outlining our expectations and introducing you to the AFROTC way of life. We strongly encourage your family to stay for the initial presentations to gain a comprehensive understanding of our selective program. Lunch for all new cadets will be provided at the SIU Bowling Alley. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions by emailing afrote@siu.edu.

NOTE: Your IN-PERSON attendance at the New Cadet Orientation on Saturday, August 17, is not just important, it's critical. If, for any reason, you cannot attend, it is absolutely imperative that you contact the detachment and arrange an appointment for processing before 19 August. Failure to do so may result in a delay in your enrollment process, something we all want to avoid.

2. Please read Attachment 1 carefully, as it is a checklist of required items that each new cadet must bring to the orientation to process you into the AFROTC program. Additionally, to participate in required AFROTC activities, have your physician complete and sign Attachment 2, the AFROTC Pre-Participatory Sports Physical, Form 28, and turn it in during orientation. If you do not bring the completed Form 28, you will not be able to fully participate in the orientation or other AFROTC activities, which may affect your readiness for the program.

NOTE: If you have a military physical certified by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) within the last two years, bring that instead of the Form 28.

3. Illinois In-State Tuition Waivers (IL residents only): We will not offer new ISTWs until we have assessed your performance and interviewed you. We will make offers around mid-October. Once awarded, the waiver will be applied retroactively. Do not anticipate starting classes with the paid waiver before the start of the term. Please be aware that the ISTW covers tuition only. It does not cover fees or room and board. SEMO cadets do not qualify for the ISTW.
4. **SIU Cadets**: I *highly* encourage you to live in the AFROTC Living Learning Community (LLC) in Mae Smith Tower for at least your first year. Adjusting to university life, especially with military characteristics, is not easy for young adults who may be on their own for the first time. Iron sharpens iron, so surrounding yourself with wingmen who follow the same military regimen will benefit you when you wake up at 0500 (5:00 A.M.) for physical training sessions and meet sharp deadlines for other formations. It will also enable easy access to and ready support from our staff and cadre. You can always join an LLC of a major you intend to declare *after* establishing a solid routine in the AFROTC LLC. Wise choices start today. Position yourself for success!

5. **SEMO Cadets**: if you live in the military housing community on campus at Vandiver Hall, you are eligible for an annual $3,000 housing scholarship. Cadets who live in other campus housing are eligible for an annual $1,500 housing scholarship. This is contingent on being an active cadet for the entirety of the academic year; should you drop the program, the scholarship will be revoked.

6. Your desire to pursue a career of service to this nation inspires me, and I appreciate your willingness to challenge yourself by committing to this program. One last word to the wise: show up in shape and ready to lead! Please contact Detachment 205 with any questions at (618) 453-2481 or via email at afrote@siu.edu. The *Soaring Warriors* and I look forward to meeting you and your parents/guardians in August!

[Signature]

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Commander

6 Attachments:
1. List of Required AFROTC Items
2. AFROTC Form 28, AFROTC Pre-Participation Sports Physical
3. 2024 New Cadet Orientation Agenda
4. WINGS How-to Guide
5. Female Physical Training Score Chart
6. Male Physical Training Score Chart