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**Proponent  
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**Title  
AY 2015 ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES (SOF) ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY  
STUDIES (APCSS) FELLOWSHIP**

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1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 30 DECEMBER 2014.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: THE ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (APCSS) PROVIDES AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRING MILITARY FELLOWS TO STUDY AND CRITICALLY EVALUATE BROAD NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY, STRATEGY, INTERAGENCY, AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES. FELLOWS ARE REQUIRED TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN APCSS PROGRAMS ACROSS A VARIETY OF SECURITY ENVIRONMENTS AND FOCUS AREAS. THE LEARNING MODEL IS PRACTITIONER-FOCUS, ACTIVITY-BASED AND TECHNOLOGICALLY-ENABLED, AND COMPLEMENTED BY A SET OF LEADER SKILLS THAT INCLUDE NEGOTIATION, ASSESSMENT, COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING. THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM REQUIRES FELLOWS TO STUDY AND EVALUATE BROAD ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY, STRATEGY, INTERAGENCY, AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES. THE PROGRAM ENABLES THE FELLOWS TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY, AS FUTURE SENIOR LEADERS IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY THAT ENHANCES THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN POLICY INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE.

3. FELLOWSHIP TENURE/LOCATION: FELLOWS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC, WITH DUTY AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES, 2058 MALUHIA ROAD, HONOLULU, HI 96815. FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AUGUST 2015 AND COMPLETES 12 MONTHS LATER.

4. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED: FELLOWS INCUR AN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS. THIS ADSO IS SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSOS. FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP TENURE, FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TWO YEAR UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT, DETERMINED BY THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND.

5. SELECTION PROCESS: THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY WILL FORWARD ALL APPROVED APPLICATIONS TO THE SPECIAL WARFARE EDUCATION GROUP, GRADUATE MANAGEMENT OFFICE, FOR FINAL SELECTION OF ONE FELLOW. CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS IN MAY 2015.

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

A. BE AN ACTIVE COMPONENT (AC) MAJOR (MAJ) OR LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC).

B. BE A BRANCH SPECIAL FORCES, PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS, OR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

C. MAJ'S MUST BE KEY DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT COMPLETE AND AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION GRADUATE. KD ASSIGNMENT MUST BE IAW DA PAM 600-3.

D. LTC'S MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN 17 ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE (AFCS) YEARS AS OF AUGUST 2015.

E. HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE.

F. BE ABLE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY.

G. HAVE INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS.

H. HAVE NO ADVERSE ACTIONS PENDING.

I. BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL FELLOWSHIP AND A TWO-YEAR IMMEDIATE POST FELLOWSHIP UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

J. MEET ARMY HEIGHT & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

K. HAVE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE.

L. HAVE HAD A PHYSICAL WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

M. DEMONSTRATES AND EXEMPLIFIES THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

N. NOT BE AT RISK FOR PROMOTION.

O. NOT BE COMPETING FOR ANY OTHER ARMY-SPONSORED PROGRAM, FELLOWSHIP, OR SCHOLARSHIP.

P. 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.

Q. MUST HAVE OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS UPLOADED AND READABLE IN IPERMS, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

7. HOW TO APPLY:

A. NOT LATER THAN 30 DECEMBER 2014, EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO [JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL](mailto:JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL) IN \*.PDF FORMAT. 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	I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FY2015 SOF-APCSS FELLOWSHIP. I UNDERSTAND I CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM LISTED AT <a href="http://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP">WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP</a> . I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE ANNOUNCING THIS PROGRAM. I AUTHORIZE AHRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO THE SOF-APCSS FELLOWSHIP.
	(D) MY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GPA IS _____.
	(E) MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS _____. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE TYPE IN NONE. DO NOT TYPE IN YOUR GPA IF YOU ARE STILL PURSUING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE)
	(H) 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. MUST BE SAME PERSON AS LISTED IN BLOCK 11.
BLOCK 13	APPROVER MUST HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK.
BLOCK 14	TYPE IN THE DATE THE APPROVER SIGNS THIS FORM.

(2) MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE. IF DATE OF TEST IS NOT WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.

(3) A MINIMUM OF TWO BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR). (LOR CAN BE IN LETTER OR MEMORANDUM FORMAT, ADDRESSED TO THE "PRESIDENT OF THE SELECTION PANEL". FORMAT MUST BE IAW AR 25-50.)

(4) ESSAY TITLED "WHY I SHOULD BE SELECTED AS A SOF-APCSS FELLOW". STATEMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN WHAT UNIQUE ABILITIES YOU WOULD BRING TO THE PROGRAM AND HOW BEING SELECTED CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR MILITARY CAREER GOALS. (TYPED IN MEMORANDUM FORMAT, IAW AR 25-50, NO LONGER THAN 500 WORDS. PLACE YOUR NAME/GRADE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT: "WHY I SHOULD BE SELECTED AS A SOF-APCSS FELLOW".)

B. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER 30 DECEMBER 2014 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED

INTO YOUR APPLICATION PACKET. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH SEVEN WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

C. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND OFFICER RECORD BRIEF (ORB) IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS. UPDATES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

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

E. 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.

8. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPH SEVEN ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

9. ANY PROGRAM INDICATED ON YOUR DA FORM 4187, OTHER THAN THE ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES (SOF) ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES (APCSS) FELLOWSHIP, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

10. PLEASE READ THIS MILPER COMPLETELY, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR QUESTIONS, TO [JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL](mailto:JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL).