

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
USAF ACADEMY, COLORADO 80840



Dear Candidate:

It is my pleasure to offer you an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. I extend to you my heartiest congratulations for being selected. You have passed some difficult hurdles against strong competition and have every right to be proud of your accomplishment.

I have a second purpose in writing. The mission of the Air Force Academy is to provide instruction, experience and motivation to each cadet so that he will graduate with the knowledge, character and qualities of leadership essential to his progressive development as a career officer in the United States Air Force. It is important, therefore, that you again assess your motives and career objectives to assure yourself they are compatible with the Academy mission. If, at this time, you are confident of your decision to accept an appointment, I am certain that the experiences you will encounter as a cadet at the Academy will reinforce your ambition to become an Air Force officer. The step you are about to take is a major one. It will go far toward determining the pattern of your life. When you are sworn in as a cadet, you agree to serve four years at the Academy and, after graduation, to serve at least five years on active duty as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Your class will enter the Academy the first part of July and begin a tough, demanding four-year course of academic, military, and physical instruction. The experiences of these four years are intensely rewarding. However, some members of each class do not successfully complete the course because their reasons for entering are wrong. If you desire training for law, medicine, the ministry, or other specialized professional occupations, the Academy does not supply this need. If you are entering for a "free education," with no real desire to be a cadet and to consider an Air Force career, you may find the demands of the Academy excessive. If your decision to enter the Academy is not your own, but that of others, your chances of success are not good. However, if you have a strong personal motivation to be a cadet and

