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Dear Prospective Air Force Junior ROTC Family

Thank you for considering Air or Space Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) for your loved one. AFJROTC is an incredible program with a mission of “Developing citizens of character.” Our program is completely voluntary, and no student can be forced to take AFJROTC. However, the support and encouragement you give your student to “try” the program is incredibly important. There are a few important points we want to ensure are very clear to our families.

1. If a student takes AFJROTC in high school, there is **never** any obligation to join the military.
2. AFJROTC emphasizes “life skills” which will help students long after highschool.
3. AFJROTC will help prepare your student for success following high school.

It’s important to know all JROTC programs are citizenship programs. They are not military recruiting programs and the citizenship charter is stated in Title 10 United States Code. AFJROTC works to teach important skills and reinforce personal traits to help make your student successful in life, no matter what type of career they choose following high school. These life skills are based on the Air Force core values of “integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.” Your student will learn important aspects of leadership, followership, adherence to personal appearance and grooming standards, proper uniform wear and will also have the opportunity to participate in some very exciting Leadership Development Activities to include the possibly of earning a scholarship to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force’s Flight Academy where they get a chance to earn their private pilot certification. These activities reinforce the lessons they will learn in the classroom and provide them an opportunity to lead and learn among their peers. These activities are our “hands on” teaching tools and are a very fun and exciting way to reinforce the importance of team-work, service, positive attitude, hard-work, and positive image. AFJROTC is a place where a student will not only start to grasp important life lessons, but they will truly feel a sense of accomplishment, belonging, and pride that comes with teamwork and success. For more information about our program and leadership development requirement opportunities, please visit:
<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Holm-Center/AFJROTC>

AFJROTC is a fully (Cognia) academically accredited and inclusive program that is open to all students in the 9th to 12th grades. If your student is eager to learn, has a good attitude, wants to be part of a true team, and is willing to follow very reasonable personal grooming and uniform wear requirements, then they will be welcome in this great program. It is a great program due to the dedication, leadership, teaching, and mentorship of nearly 1,800 retired Air Force instructors in approximately 825 partnering high schools across the nation and overseas. Your loved one will be joining over 85,000 other AF/SF JROTC cadets!

Thank you for considering JROTC for your loved one and your potential partnership in working towards our goal to develop citizens of character for America. If you have any questions please contact your school’s AFJROTC instructors or school counselors who can give you more information about their specific corps of cadets.

Sincerely

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