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Aviation Student Training

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1. Eligibility.--a. Who may apply.--Applicants for training as aviation students must at the time of application be--

- (1) Enlisted men of the Regular Army or of other components of the Army of the United States in active Federal Service.
- (2) Unmarried male citizens of the United States.
- (3) Between the ages of 18 and 22 years, inclusive.
- (4) Individuals who have been graduated, with not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ mathematics units credits, from a secondary school on the accredited list of the United States Office of Education and whose credits are acceptable to accredited higher institutions.
- (5) Individuals who have successfully passed such other tests as the Chief of the Air Corps may prescribe.
- (6) Of excellent character.
- (7) Of sound physique and in excellent health.

b. Agreement required.--Each enlisted man applying for aviation student training must sign an agreement (with the consent of his parents or guardian, if a minor) by which he will agree--

- (1) To reenlist for a period of three years if he has less than one year to complete his current term of service.
- (2) Upon successful completion of pilot training (about eight months) to reenlist again in order to serve three years as an enlisted pilot.
- (3) To remain unmarried during the period of training as aviation student and during his first enlistment as a noncommissioned officer pilot.

c. Age limit.-- No enlisted man will be detailed to aviation student training who has reached his twenty-third birthday.

d. Applicants who have previously received flying training at a service school.--An applicant who has been eliminated from a service flying school due to failure in flying or who has completed the course of instruction in a service flying school is ineligible for aviation student training.

2. Applications.--a. Manner of submitting.--Application will be made through military channels in the form prescribed in paragraph 10. It will be accompanied by--

- (1) Three letters of recommendation signed by persons of recognized standing in the community in which the residence of the applicant is located or of officers familiar with his service.
- (2) A certificate from the secondary school attended certifying to the subjects pursued by the applicant, the credits and grades attained by the applicant, and a statement as to whether or not the applicant was graduated.

b. To whom and how forwarded.--Applications will be forwarded through military channels to the corps area commander in which their unit is located with appropriate remarks and recommendations.

c. Action upon.--In the case of an approved application of an enlisted man of the Regular Army or of other components of the Army of the United States in active Federal service, the corps area commander will issue the necessary orders for the applicant to proceed to the nearest station where examinations are held, regardless of corps area, to report to the president of examining board for examination and to return to his proper station on completion thereof. All approved applications will be transmitted by the corps area commander to the presidents of examining boards before which the applicants are to be examined. Upon completion of the examination, the papers will be forwarded by the examining board direct to the Chief of the Air Corps.

d. Change of address of applicants.--Any enlisted man who has submitted an application for training as an aviation student will inform the Chief of the Air Corps of any change of station. Failure to do this is sufficient cause for removal of his name from the list of applicants.

e. Notification of ineligibility.--Applicants found ineligible will be so notified by the authority authorized to act upon applications as soon as their ineligibility shall have been determined.

3. Examination.--a. Examining boards.--Applicants for aviation student training will appear before an aviation cadet examining board prescribed by AR 615-160 as modified by instructions of The Adjutant General to corps area commanders.

b. Physical examination.--Each applicant appearing before the board will first be subjected to the physical examination prescribed in AR 40-110. W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 64 (Physical Examination for Flying) will be forwarded in duplicate. Should the applicant possess defects that may be removed by simple treatment or by a minor operation, the applicant will be permitted to proceed with his examination for moral and educational fitness for pilot training with the understanding that, should he qualify in the latter, he will not be eligible for aviation student training unless and until the board shall find upon subsequent report of physical examination by a qualified examiner (not necessarily a member of the board) that he is physically qualified for flying duty.

c. Moral character and general fitness.--After the physical examination of the applicant has been completed, the board will proceed with an examination into and determination of his moral qualifications, adaptability, etc. These will be determined by means of oral questioning of the applicant, consideration of the letters of recommendation submitted by him, and by such further investigation as the board may consider necessary or desirable in this phase of the examination. The candidate will be required to measure up to the standard prescribed for aviation cadets.

d. Educational fitness.--The board will next proceed with the determination of the educational fitness of the applicant. Each applicant must present a certified document from a secondary school which is on the approved list of the United States Office of Education and whose credits are acceptable for entrance into accredited higher institutions. This document must show--

- (1) That the applicant is a graduate from the approved secondary school.
- (2) That he has credits amounting to not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ units of mathematics.
- (3) The board will verify that the applicant has the required score in the General Classification Test, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office.

e. Reports of examining board.--The examining board will, within five days after completion of the examination, forward direct to the Chief of the Air Corps a separate report in duplicate for each applicant who appears before the board together with the application and accompanying papers of each applicant. The report will contain--

- (1) If the applicant is physically, morally, and educationally qualified:
 - (a) A statement as to the applicant's moral character and general fitness.
 - (b) Copies of all documentary evidence presented to the board.
 - (c) A report of physical examination on W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 64, in duplicate.
 - (d) Rating in General Classification Test, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office.
- (2) If the applicant is physically disqualified, report of physical examination on W. D., A.G.O. Form No. 64.
- (3) If the applicant is morally disqualified:
 - (a) A statement as to the applicant's moral character and general fitness.
 - (b) Report of physical examination on W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 64.

4. Appointment.--a. Precedence.--In case there are more qualified candidates than vacancies, appointments will be made from eligibles in accordance with a precedence established by the Chief of the Air Corps.

b. Method of detail.--As a result of the examinations as prescribed above, the Chief of the Air Corps will transmit information as to the names, Army serial numbers, grades, organizations, and stations of those found qualified to The Adjutant General with appropriate recommendations and such data as may be necessary for the preparation of orders providing for their transfer to a civil flying school for their flying training. The Adjutant General will issue the necessary orders directing the change of station and authorizing aviation student training. If the enlisted man belongs to an arm or service other than the Air Corps, the aviation student will be detailed to flying training in the grade which he holds at that time. He will be carried on detached service by his organization until he is either eliminated from aviation student training and returned to his organization or completes his aviation student training. If the enlisted man is detailed to aviation student training from the Air Corps, he will be carried on detached service by his organization until eliminated and returned to duty therein or until he has completed his aviation student training.

c. Discharge and reenlistment.-- No enlisted man will be ordered to a flying school as an aviation student unless he shall have at least one year to serve in his current enlistment. If the unexpired portion of the current enlistment of the enlisted man is not sufficient to permit his detail under the foregoing provision, he will be discharged and reenlisted for three years in order to permit his detail. Such discharge and reenlistment, if necessary, will be effected at the enlisted man's station prior to his being sent to the flying school.

d. No prospective or actual aviation student will be reduced in grade because of his detail to aviation student training.

5. Training.--The scope of the training will be as prescribed in the approved program of instruction for the flying schools.

6. Action upon conclusion of training.--a. About 2 months before completion of advanced flying training, the faculty board at the Air Corps advanced flying schools will consider the physical, moral, and professional qualifications of each aviation student due to complete his training and will render a report in duplicate containing the following:

- (1) Full names and grades of aviation students (all names spelled out).
- (2) Serial numbers of all aviation students.
- (3) Estimated date of graduation.
- (4) Statement as to whether the candidate is physically, morally, and professionally qualified for appointment to the grade of staff sergeant pilot, Air Corps, Regular Army. In case recommendation is in the negative, detailed reasons therefor will be given.

b. This report will be forwarded to the Chief of the Air Corps through the commanding general of the Air Corps training center concerned. The commanding general of the training center concerned will issue the necessary warrants effective as of date of graduation and forward same to the advanced flying school concerned. The report mentioned above will be forwarded in time to reach the Chief of the Air Corps at least 3 weeks prior to the date of graduation. Immediately upon completion of training at each elementary, basic, and advanced flying school, the commandants of such schools will submit a report on all enlisted pilots graduated to the Chief of the Air Corps. These reports will contain the number of hours devoted to and grades attained in each academic subject, flying time, and flying grades attained.

c. Upon graduation from the advanced flying school an aviation student shall be discharged for the convenience of the Government and enlisted in the Air Corps for a period of 3 years. He shall receive the rating of pilot and a warrant as staff sergeant pilot, Air Corps, without regard to the grade in which he received his training.

d. Noncommissioned officer pilots, Air Corps, will take precedence among themselves in accordance with the provisions of Army Regulations governing rank among noncommissioned officers.

7. Termination of status as aviation student.--a. If at any time the faculty board at an Air Corps elementary, basic, or advanced flying school decides that an aviation student is, for any reason, not qualified to continue his training or that he possesses traits that would render him undesirable as a noncommissioned officer in the Air Corps, the commandant thereof will forward board proceedings to the commanding general of the Air Corps training center concerned.

b. In case of approval of the faculty board proceedings referred to in a above by the commanding general of the Air Corps training center, he will make request to the Chief of the Air Corps for orders relieving the aviation student

concerned from pilot training and his orders transferring him from the flying school concerned. The Chief of the Air Corps will, in turn, make suitable recommendation to The Adjutant General for orders returning eliminated aviation students to the organization from which they were placed on detached service.

8. Allowances.--a. Clothing.--Aviation students will be issued clothing allowances as now laid down in law and regulation for enlisted men of the grade held.

b. Other.-- Allowances in rations, quarters, clothing, etc., for staff sergeant pilots, technical sergeant pilots, and master sergeant pilots will be the same as those authorized for staff sergeants, technical sergeants, and master sergeants.

9. Promotion of enlisted pilots.--Enlisted pilots will be promoted in accordance with eligibility requirements prescribed by the Chief of the Air Corps. Grades for enlisted pilots are staff sergeant pilot, technical sergeant pilot, and master sergeant pilot. Master sergeant pilots may, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, be appointed warrant officer pilots.

10. Form for application.

Subject: Application for aviation student training.

To: Commanding General,
_____ Corps Area,
_____.

1. Request that I be considered for training as an aviation student in the Army Air Corps for heavier-than-air flying training with a view to pursuing the standard course of instruction prescribed by the War Department, and upon successful completion thereof, to being appointed a staff sergeant pilot, Air Corps, Regular Army.

2. My education has been as follows:

3. If this application is accepted I agree--

a. To be discharged for the convenience of the Government and be reenlisted for three years upon the acceptance of my application (omit if applicant has more than one year to serve in current enlistment).

b. That if I successfully complete my pilot training, I will agree to serve for three years as an enlisted pilot and for this purpose to be again discharged and reenlisted for three years for the convenience of the Government.

c. To remain unmarried during the period of training as an aviation student and during my first enlistment as a noncommissioned officer pilot.

3 Inclosures.

Incl. 1. Three letters of recommendation.

Incl. 2.*Evidence of educational fitness.

Incl. 3. Confirmation of paragraph 3b, basic letter, by parent or guardian (required only if applicant is a minor).

*See paragraph 2a(2).

1st Indorsement

1. Approved or disapproved.

2. Soldier was born _____, _____.
(Date) (Place)

Naturalized at _____ on _____.

3. Soldier's character is _____.

4. Date of current enlistment _____.

5. Army general classification test rating _____.

6. Height _____, Weight _____.

7. Soldier is _____.
(Race)
8. Soldier is unmarried and has _____ persons wholly dependent
and _____ persons partially dependent on him for support.
9. Previous service _____.
10. Previous civilian experience _____.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

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The Adjutant General