

*Average Burden per Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Respondents are candidates applying to the Air Force Academy, instructors of candidates, and their high school counselors. Information collection is necessary in order to determine which candidates have been nominated by their Congress person or Senator; to evaluate background and aptitude for commissioned service; to provide a candidate's participation in athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities, family and personal background, and academic and school background data by a candidate's high school official. This data also includes eligibility by verification of age, U.S. citizenship, law infractions, schooling beyond high school, previous active duty tours, and previous applications to service academies. It is also necessary in order to provide a candidate opportunity to show through English, Math, or other instructors that they can meet Air Force academic performance. This data allows the selection panel to evaluate the "whole person" concept. Without this information it would be difficult to accurately determine if an initial applicant would be qualified to enter into the candidate phase of the process. It would also be difficult to accurately determine a candidate's leadership abilities, physical stamina, and academic abilities. Final USAF Academy selections could not be made if reviewing committees are not able to determine if basic requirements have or have not been met.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID USAF-2014-0014]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Air Force Office of Scientific Research, (USAF/AFOSR), Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Air Force announces a reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are

invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 28, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, AFOSR/RSPP, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 325, Room 3112, Arlington, VA 22203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* DoD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships Program; National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Application; OMB Control Number 0701-0154.

*Needs and Uses:* Support of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education, 10 U.S.C. 2191, states that

"the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations providing for the award of fellowships to citizens and nationals of the United States who agree to pursue graduate degrees in science, engineering or other fields of study designed by the Secretary (of Defense) to be priority interest to the DoD. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of nationwide competition. The DoD is committed to increasing the number of quality of the nation's scientists and engineers. Application information will be used for evaluation and selection of students to be awarded fellowships. Failure to respond renders the student ineligible for a fellowship.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 36,000 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 12 hours.

*Frequency:* Annually.

Respondents are students enrolled in doctoral programs in science and engineering desiring to complete their education. The on-line, electronic application provides information necessary for evaluation and selection of fellowships.

The NDSEG fellowships allow recipients to pursue their graduate studies at whichever United States institution they choose to attend. The goal is to provide the United States with talented, doctorally trained American men and women who will lead state of the art research projects in disciplines having the greatest payoff to national defense requirements. Approximately 190-200 3-year fellowships are anticipated to be awarded in the fields of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer and Computational Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Material Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, and Physics.

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