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Applicants and parents/guardians,

Congratulations! You have chosen to apply towards a Flying Scholarship or National Camp! You have made an excellent choice on how you wish to spend your summer. For the Flying Scholarships, you have chosen to work towards a pilots license, to learn invaluable skills to a future in aviation, or a great hobby. For the National Camps, you have chosen to enjoy a rewarding summer, learning about different areas in the aviation and aerospace worlds from experts in the field.

As you are most likely aware, there is a narrative required for every selection course offered in the Air Cadet Program. The cadet applying will prepare a one-page document describing themselves as cadets and members of the community. The content of the narrative helps selection board members assess a cadet's aptitude for particular course, interest in the subject matter of the course and the connection between the course and the cadet's future plans. In addition, during the interview phase of the process it provides board members with an introduction to the cadet in preparation for their meeting.

Instructions on how to complete the narrative are provided on the reverse side of this sheet. These are instructions provided by the region, and are not negotiable. For instance, The narrative is due **no later than December 6th 2018 at 23:59**. The narratives must be submitted to CI Augé in person or preferably by email (Joseph.Auge@cadets.gc.ca), in PDF or word format.

Applications to National Camps are open to all cadets in Level 3 or above, with the exception of the International Air Cadet Exchange, which is cadets in Level 5. Glider and Power Pilot Scholarship applicants ARE able to apply for National Camps, in the case that they do not score highly enough against other applicants.

Good luck to all applicants!

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Each narrative should adhere to the following formatting instructions:

- a. Must be course specific (one narrative per course);
- b. Must be typed in black with font-size 10 - 12pt;
- c. Must include a date and be signed by the cadet;
- d. Must be a maximum of one letter size page (8 ½" "x 11").

a. **Part 1: Title:** The title of your application narrative should include the following:

- (1) Your rank and name.
- (2) Your squadron number and name.
- (3) The course name.
- (4) Salutation (Dear Sir / Ma'am)

b. **Part 2: The Introduction:** This should provide a brief overview of you as a cadet. It should indicate what course you are applying for and why you are interested in attending it. You should include a sentence about why you should be chosen. It should be relatively short.

c. **Part 3: The Body:** The body of the narrative is where you tell the selection board about yourself. It should be two to three paragraphs in length. To assist in developing this portion, ask yourself the following questions:

- (1) Why I am a good candidate for this course?
- (2) How did I learn about this course or subject matter?
- (3) What influenced me to apply for this course?
- (4) What is the connection between this course and my future plans?
- (5) How will attending this course benefit me?
- (6) How will attending this course benefit my squadron?
- (7) How will I use the knowledge that I acquire?
- (8) What are my skills (as a cadet, as a leader, as a worker)?
- (9) What activities do I do that are relevant to my application?
- (10) What do I do that demonstrates my interest in the Air Cadet Program?

A good strategy is to use a separate paragraph for each topic.

1. Cadets – Why did you join cadets? What activities do you take part in? Did you win any awards? What do you get out of cadets? How do you give back?
2. Extra-curricular – Do you do any sports? Do you volunteer anywhere? Do you do any activities at school? Did you win any awards?
3. Why you? – Why should you be chosen for this summer camp? Would this camp help with your future career goals? Why are you more deserving than other candidates?

d. **Part 4: Conclusion:** This is the final paragraph of the application narrative and your final chance to “sell” yourself to the selection board. Without repeating, try to sum up what you have written in the previous paragraphs. Finally you should thank the selection board for their time.