

SUBJECT: ALARACT 137/2009 - FISCAL YEAR 2010 OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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1. ANNUALLY, THE UNITED STATES ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC) OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION BOARD CONVENES TO SELECT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ACTIVE COMPONENT ARMY OFFICERS, WHO WILL REPRESENT THE ARMY AT THE OLMSTED FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION BOARD, MARCH TIME-FRAME. THE HRC BOARD WILL CONVENE ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2009, AND THE OLMSTED FOUNDATION BOARD WILL MAKE THE FINAL SELECTION OF SCHOLARS IN MARCH 2010. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS EACH OF THE BOARD RESULTS IS APPROVED FOR RELEASE.

2. THE OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ENCOMPASSES THE VISION OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN A FOREIGN CULTURE OF CHOICE WHILE THE OFFICER STUDIES IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN A LIBERAL ARTS FIELD OF HIS/HER CHOICE, HOWEVER, CANDIDATES MUST BE FLEXIBLE IN THE DETERMINATION OF UNIVERSITY AND FIELD OF STUDY AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE OLMSTED FOUNDATION HAS THE FINAL DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT. THE SCHOLARS ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE INSTITUTIONS, CHARACTERISTICS, CUSTOMS, HISTORY, CULTURE AND PEOPLE OF THE HOST NATION. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY AND ACQUIRE A FAMILIARITY WITH THE HOST COUNTRY AND REGION. MANY SCHOLARS ARE ABLE TO EARN A FOREIGN MASTER'S DEGREE OR ITS U.S. EQUIVALENT UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR TWO YEARS OVERSEAS. FOR MORE ON THE OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.OLMSTEDFOUNDATION.ORG/](http://www.olmstedfoundation.org/) 3. ELIGIBLE CRITERIA: MUST BE A REGULAR ARMY (RA) OFFICER; CONTROL BRANCH MUST BE 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 25, 31, 34, 35, 40, 59, 74, 88, 90, 91 OR 92; HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE; HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE (AFCS) YEARS, BUT NOT MORE THAN ELEVEN ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE (AFS) YEARS BY 30 MARCH 2010 (NOT WAIVERABLE); HAVE A MINIMUM UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0; MEETS ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS; MUST HAVE SERVED OR BE SERVING IN AT LEAST ONE KEY DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 TO 24 MONTHS; HAVE A MINIMUM DEFENSE LANGUAGE APTITUDE BATTERY SCORE OF 85; MUST NOT BE COMPETING FOR ANY OTHER ARMY-SPONSORED PROGRAM, FELLOWSHIP, OR SCHOLARSHIP; MUST BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE FULL SCHOLARSHIP; NOT BE PENDING ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS; AND HAVE MINIMUM GRE SCORES OF VERBAL 500 AND QUANTITATIVE 500. WAIVER FOR GRE TEST REQUIREMENT MAY BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH DUTY IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

4. ELIGIBLE OFFICERS INTERESTED IN AN OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THEIR HRC CAREER ASSIGNMENT OFFICER, PRIOR TO 17 July 2009: OFFICIAL GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) TEST SCORES; DLAB TEST SCORES (IF NOT ON ORB); ESSAY TITLED "WHY I WANT TO BE AN OLMSTED SCHOLAR (SINGLE SPACED IN PARAGRAPH FORMAT & NOT MORE THAN ONE PAGE IN LENGTH); STATEMENT TITLED "EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES" (SINGLE SPACED IN PARAGRAPH FORMAT. BEGIIIN WITH MOST CURRENT ACTIVITY AND WORK AS FAR BACK AS YOU LIKE); LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION; ORIGINAL OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL DEGREES AWARDED; AND A DA FORM 4187 WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE STATEMENT "I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE OLMSTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR AN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION (ADSO) OF THREE

FOR ONE COMPUTED IN DAYS, IAW AR 350-100". THE DA FORM 4187 MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE AND APPROVED AND SIGNED BY HIS/HER CHAIN OF COMMAND COLONEL.

5. A CONGRATULATORY LETTER, WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO THOSE THAT ARE APPROVED TO COMPETE. CANDIDATES MUST ENSURE THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND OFFICER RECORD BRIEF IS UP-TO-DATE.

6. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 1 AUGUST 2009.

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