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The Honorable Pete Flores
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Dear Senator Flores,

I am writing to request that you consider recommending me for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. While I do not know you personally, we do have mutual friends. Marian and Stuart Knowlton are long time family friends, as is Elizabeth Powell. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and enumerate the reasons why I believe you should nominate me. I graduated in the top 15% of my class with a GPA of 3.97 on the Distinguished Achievement Plan. I worked very hard to maintain a high GPA and class rank throughout my high school career while participating in many different school-sponsored clubs and organizations. I was in the marching band throughout high school and was assigned as Section Leader in both my junior and senior years. My three years in Skull Studios Club (a communication service organization) gave me experience in audio/video production, graphic design, public relations as well as organizational and leadership skills as equipment manager and then club vice president. I gained additional leadership skills in my time on the Yearbook staff where I served as president both my junior and senior years. On the Electrathon team, where we built and raced an electric vehicle in the Alamo City Electrathon Race, I was the lead builder and then served as president my senior year. I was also a member of the robotics team for a year. I joined the tennis team in my sophomore year and won the JV Boys district champion title the following year. I was also a member of the Golf team in my senior year.

Outside of school-sponsored activities, I was a member of Lytle Boy Scout Troop 369 advancing through the ranks to earn my Eagle Scout rank at the age of 15. I have also been an active member of my church's youth group as well as the church Meat Ministry team where we process donated deer and pigs to be distributed to local families in need. I was honored to be selected to participate in the American Legion Boys State Program in the summer of 2019. During the week-long program, I was elected to the House of Representatives and worked with my assigned committee to write a bipartisan bill on the topic of a woman's right to abortion. While our bill was not passed, I believe the experience I gained in both communicating my beliefs and learning to compromise with others who do not hold those same beliefs was invaluable.

My experience at Boy's State along with the various leadership positions I held throughout my high school career have prepared me to move forward into the next phase of my education and life. I am proud to say that I will continue to build my leadership skills at Texas A&M University where I will be joining the Corps of Cadets as well as the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. My goal is to earn my degree in Visualization (computer animation & 3D rendering) before seeking an officer commission in the United States Air Force and applying for a pilot position.

Please find included my high school resume as well as my response to the prompt "Why are you pursuing a career in the military?" I would be greatly honored if you would select me as your nominee for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

Respectfully,

