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1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to prescribe policy and procedure pertaining to cadet competition for scholarships and fellowships.
2. Applicability. This memorandum applies to scholarships and fellowships for which cadets may apply.
3. General. The West Point Scholars Program (WPSP) enables cadets to compete for and win scholarships and fellowships. The WPSP serves four main functions: provide advanced development for cadets, provide intellectual capital to the Army, strengthen partnerships and bridge the civ-mil divide, and provide strategic recruitment benefit to the Academy. Cadets should gain official sponsorship through the WPSP in accordance with the WPSP Standard Operating Procedures' requirements to apply for scholarships or fellowships.
4. Task Organization. A visual depiction of the WPSP task organization is available in Enclosure 1.
 - a. WPSP Support Cell. The Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment, under the supervision of the Vice Dean for Operations, serves as the Primary Executive on behalf of the Dean and lead coordinator for the WPSP Support Cell. Other members of the Support Cell are: Head Academic Advisor and the Medical School Advisor.
 - b. Executive Agents.
 - (1) The Excel Scholars Program (ESP). The Excel Scholars Program, housed in and supervised by the Department of Systems Engineering, serves as an executive agent and official sponsor for the National GEM Consortium Graduate Fellowship program as depicted in Enclosure 2.

(2) The Graduate Scholarship Program (GSP). The Graduate Scholarship Program, housed in and supervised by the Department of Social Sciences, serves as an executive agent and official sponsor of scholarships for all disciplines as depicted in Enclosure 2.

(3) The Pre-Medical School Scholarship Program (PSSP). The Pre-Medical School Scholarship Program, housed in and supervised by the Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences, serves as an executive agent and official sponsor for medical scholarships as depicted in Enclosure 2.

(4) The Technical Scholars Program (TSP). The Technical Scholars Program, housed in and supervised by the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, serves as an executive agent and official sponsor for technical scholarships and fellowships as depicted in Enclosure 2.

c. Supporting Agent. The Excel Scholars Program serves as a supporting agent to the WPSP. In this role, it is a diversity initiative focused on promoting the personal and professional excellence of high performing cadets from historically underrepresented groups and preparing them to compete for key leadership positions and acceptance into the GSP, TSP, and/or PSSP. The ESP will support the GSP, TSP, and PSSP through information sharing.

5. Sponsored Scholarships and Fellowships. Enclosure 3 contains a list of scholarships and fellowships to which cadets commonly apply. Every year, the WPSP cell will review the list for approval. The Dean of the Academic Board (in consultation with Executive Agents) and Human Resources Command (HRC) maintain the authority to not sponsor any scholarships on the list at any time. To add new scholarships to the list, the WPSP will nominate a scholarship through the Academic Board.

6. Approval Process. All cadet applications are screened and managed by the executive agent for each scholarship as depicted in Enclosure 2. Each executive agent maintains their own approval process IAW guidelines in the WPSP SOP. The Academic Board will approve the list of applicants. West Point will only sponsor Cadets approved through Executive Agents.

7. References.

- a. AR 350-100, Officer Active-Duty Service Obligations.
- b. AR 210-26, Installations – United States Military Academy.
- c. AR 601-25, Personnel Procurement – Delay in Reporting for and Exemption from Active Duty, Initial Active Duty for Training, and Reserve Forces Duty.
- d. AR 621-1, Training of Military Personnel at Civilian Institutions.
- e. AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System.
- f. AR 621-7, Education – Army Fellowships and Scholarships.
- g. AR 621-108, Military Personnel Requirements for Civilian Education.
- h. DA 600-3, Personnel – General – Commissioned Officer Professional Development and Career Management.
- i. USMA Academic Program (Redbook) – Current, Academic Awards and Recognition.

j. AR 601-141, U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship, Financial Assistance, and Active-Duty Health Professions Loan Repayment Programs, 19 September 2006.

8. Continuous Improvement. The offices associated with the continuous improvement of this Dean's Policy and Operating Memorandum (DPOM) are the Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment, the Head Academic Advisor, the Head of the Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences, the Head of the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, and the Head of the Department of Systems Engineering.

9. Proponent. The proponent for this DPOM is the Vice Dean for Operations, Office of the Dean (MADN), x2807.

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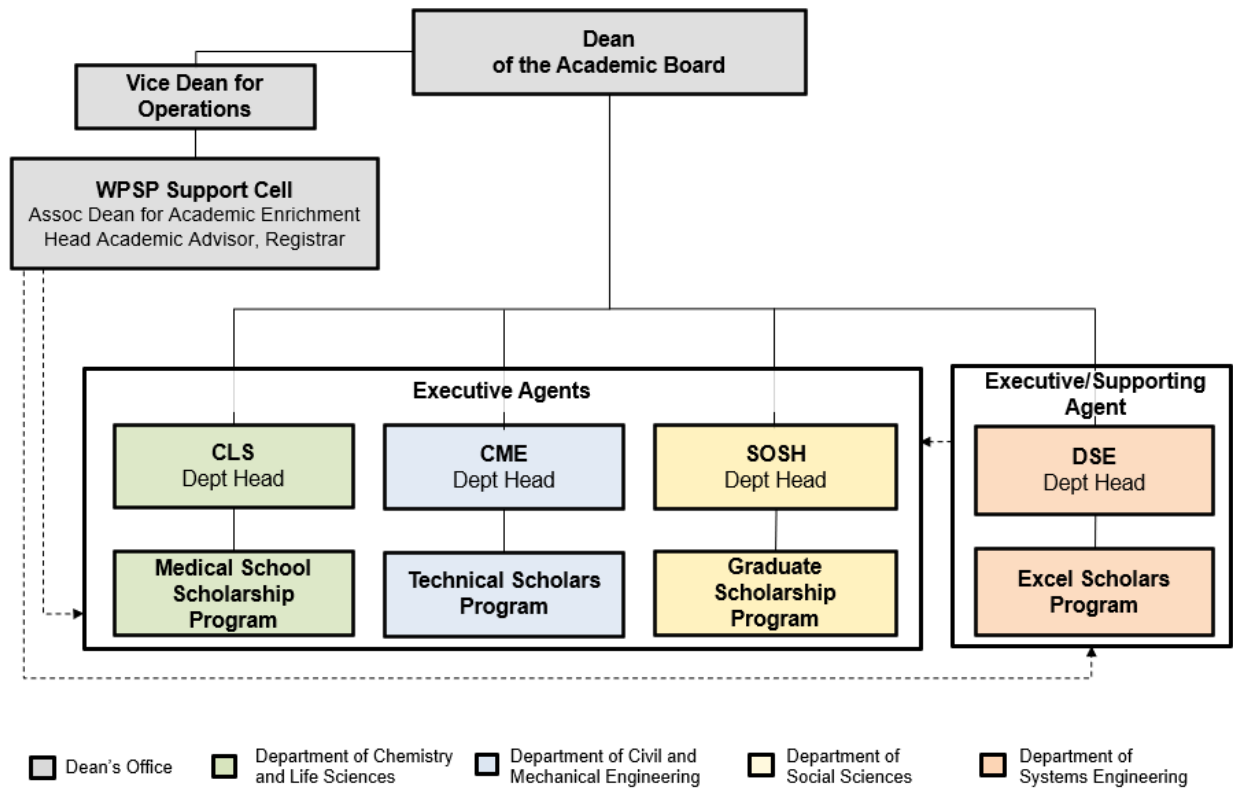
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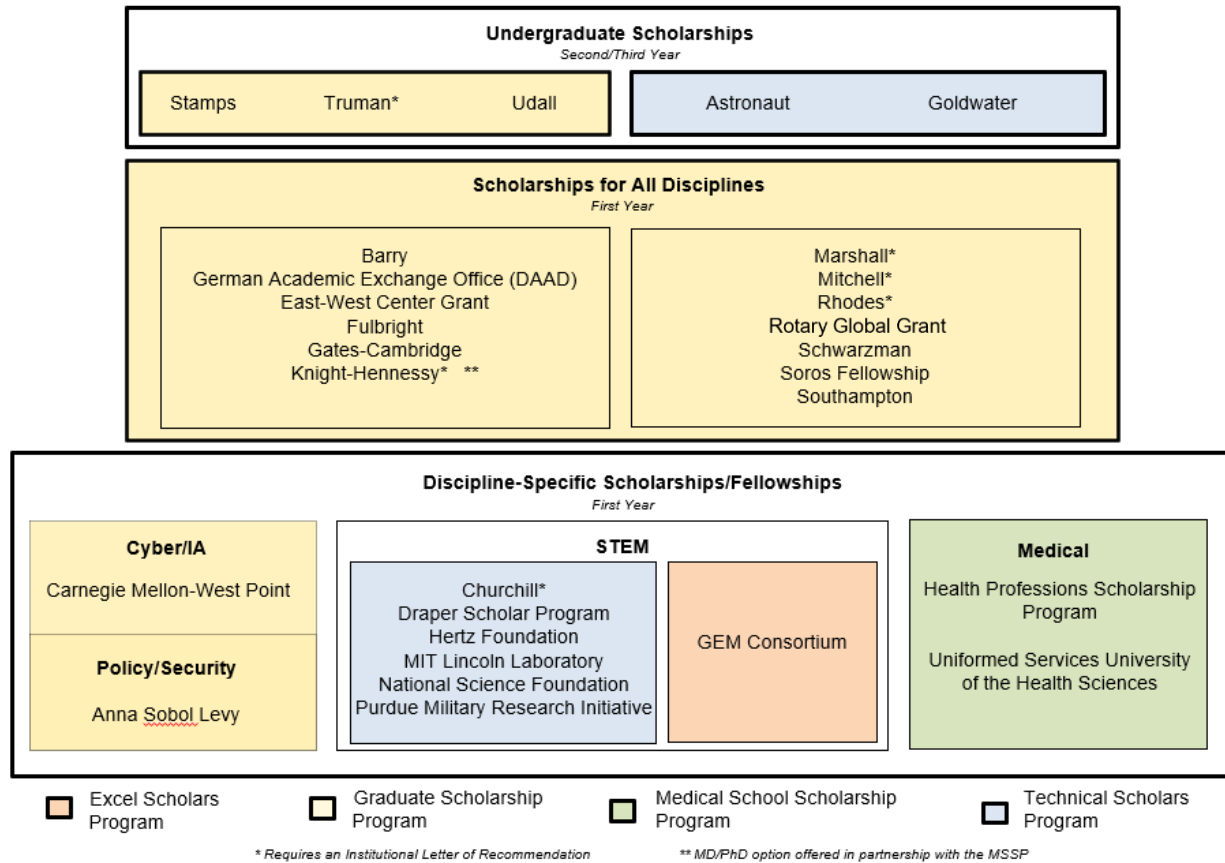
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ENCLOSURE 1. WEST POINT SCHOLAR PROGRAM TASK ORGANIZATION



ENCLOSURE 2. EXECUTIVE AGENT SPONSORSHIP RESPONSIBILITY



ENCLOSURE 3. APPROVED SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

General. The WPSP and HRC maintain the authority to deny sponsorship of any scholarships on this list at any time. To nominate a new scholarship, executive agents must submit a request to the Dean through the WPSP Support Cell IAW guidance from the WPSP Standard Operating Procedures.

Undergraduate Scholarships. The below scholarships are applied to in the Third- and/or Second-Class years.

(1) Astronaut Scholarship. Service academy cadets' sponsorship is valued at approximately \$5,000, exclusively for the scholar's professional development. The Technical Scholar Program nominates cadets to compete. Institutionally supported finalists will be nominated to the ASF committee for final selection.

(2) Stamps Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship provides for a generous enrichment grant for cadets of any discipline to use during their time as cadets. The Graduate Scholarship Program nominates cadets from across the Academy based on potential for research and civic impact. Applicants are screened in their Third- or Second-Class year (by the Graduate Scholarship Program).

(3) Goldwater Scholarship. Although no funds are awarded to West Point cadets, the Goldwater Scholarship is a prestigious undergraduate scholarship in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. The Technical Scholar Program nominates up to four cadets annually. Applicants are screened in their Third- or Second- Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(4) Udall Scholarship. This scholarship is an undergraduate scholarship for college sophomores and juniors who demonstrate leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. The Graduate Scholarship Program nominates cadets from across the Academy as applicable.

Postgraduate Scholarships and Fellowships. The below scholarships are applied to in the First- or Second-Class year. Enclosure 2 provides a visual breakdown of scholarship sponsors.

(1) Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship. This fellowship provides full tuition for one-year master's degrees in counter-terrorism and homeland security, or diplomacy and conflict studies, at the IDC Herzliya's Raphael Recanati International School in Israel. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(2) Barry Scholarship. This scholarship provides full tuition for a two-year bachelor's (second BA), master's (BPhil. or MPhil.) program, or two one-year MSt. programs. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(3) Carnegie Mellon-West Point Scholarship. This scholarship provides full tuition for master's degrees in international relations and politics, or information technology strategy, from Carnegie Mellon's Institute for Politics and Strategy. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(4) Churchill Scholarship. This scholarship provides full tuition for a year of master's study in Science, Mathematics, or Engineering based at Churchill College. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(5) Draper Scholar Program. This fellowship provides full tuition for M.S. study in technical areas in engineering and the sciences. All Draper Fellows have an opportunity to participate in a mentor matching program. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(6) East-West Center Grant. This grant provides funding for two years of graduate study leading to a master's degree at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii. Specific programs of study focus on culture and communications, resource systems, population, and environmental policy in the Asia-Pacific region. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(7) Fulbright Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding to pursue a one- or two-year graduate degree in more than 140 countries. Applicants choose one country to apply to based on their research interests and language capabilities. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(8) Gates-Cambridge Scholarship. This scholarship provides full tuition to pursue any one-to-three-year master's program of choice at the University of Cambridge. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(9) German Academic Exchange Office (DAAD) Scholarship. This scholarship provides funds for postgraduate study at a state or state-recognized university in Germany, or the first or second year of study at a state or state-recognized German university as part of a postgraduate or master's degree program that is completed in the home country or another foreign country. The scholarship offers between 10 and 24 months of funding, depending on the length of the chosen program. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(10) Health Professions Scholarship Program. This scholarship provides full tuition for medical school. Scholarship recipients are placed on inactive reserve status as second lieutenants during their medical training. While on scholarship, the Army pays for expenses as described in the WPSP SOP. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Pre-Medical School Scholarship Program.

(11) Hertz Foundation Fellowship. This fellowship provides funding for up to five years of study leading to a Ph.D. in the Applied Sciences at selected universities. This scholarship is deferrable. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(12) Knight-Hennessy Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford University. In select circumstances, pre-medical program students may apply for a M.D/Ph.D. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(13) Marshall Scholarship. This scholarship provides for at least two years of study leading to at least one master's or equivalent degree at a university in the United Kingdom. There are no restrictions on the field of study chosen. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(14) MIT Lincoln Laboratory Fellowship. This scholarship provides funding for graduate school studies. Military Fellows must be either enrolled in a graduate degree program that requires a thesis, sponsored by Training with Industry, or sponsored by their respective service for Senior Service School. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(15) Mitchell Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding for one year of study at any university in Ireland or Northern Ireland leading to a master's degree. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(16) National GEM Consortium Fellowship. This scholarship provides funding for underrepresented students to earn a master's degree in applied science or engineering. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Excel Scholars Program.

(17) The National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. This fellowship provides for three years of study leading to a master's or doctoral degree in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, or social sciences, or in the history and philosophy of sciences. This scholarship is deferrable. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(18) Purdue Military Research Initiative Fellowship. This fellowship provides funding for up to two years of graduate study to earn an M.S. Applicants are screened in their First-Class year by the Technical Scholars Program.

(19) Rhodes Scholarship. This scholarship provides for two to three years of study at Oxford University in England. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(20) Rotary Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding for one or two years of study for a master's degree at any accredited university, in any country that has a Rotary club. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(21) Schwarzman Scholarship. This scholarship provides full funding to complete a one-year master's degree in Global Affairs at Schwarzman College within Tsinghua University in Beijing. All classes are taught in English. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(22) Soros Fellowship for New Americans. This scholarship provides \$90,000 for up to three years of graduate study at any graduate program in the U.S. To apply, cadets must be a U.S. citizen under 30 who is either an immigrant, the child of two immigrant parents, a naturalized citizen, a permanent resident, a DACA recipient, or adopted from outside the United States. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(23) Southampton-West Point Scholarship. This scholarship provides funding for any one-year master's degree at the University of Southampton. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(24) Truman Scholarship. This scholarship provides a \$30,000 grant to support undergraduate academic endeavors and two years of graduate study leading to a master's degree at any accredited university in the world. Studies should prepare the candidate for public service; i.e., careers in the military, government, public administration, public health, international relations and diplomacy, social services, education and human resource development, or conservation and environmental protection. Applicants require an Institutional Letter of Recommendation. Applicants are screened and awarded in their Third-Class year by the Graduate Scholarship Program.

(25) Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. This scholarship provides funding for medical school at the USU's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. Applicants are screened in their Second-Class year by the Pre-Medical School Scholarship Program.