I have always regarded myself as a proud American and Alabamian. I hold the utmost respect for those who protect and defend our nation and state, and I feel I have a calling to assist those men and women. I have always had a deep desire to serve, and to be frank my family has discouraged me from doing that very thing. Since my time in high school I have matured and it is my hope that I can now offer my skills and efforts in serving our nation and state. My wife and I have discussed this idea in great detail. We have decided that this would not only give me a chance to serve, but it would provide our family with outstanding benefits and opportunities.

I have been a teacher for four years, and I love mentoring and guiding students. I believe that this passion would make me an excellent candidate for an officer in the Alabama National Guard. I am a very versatile and adaptable person. I teach multitude of course which include Animal Science, Plant Science, and Agricultural Mechanics. I have a great ability to pick up knowledge and skills in a quick and proficient manner. I believe that what ever assignment I receive I can meet it with great effort, diligence, and knowledge.

I plan on transitioning into an administrative role within an Alabama School System within the next few years. The leadership training, roles, and responsibility I hope to assume in the Alabama National Guard will better prepare me for my role in my civilian career. It is my belief that these two occupations will compliment each other nicely, and that training in one could be very useful in the other.

Concerning OCS, I would like to pursue the traditional eighteen month route. I do have a true desire to serve the United States of America and the State of Alabama. However, I also

have a desire to serve the students in Alabama. I believe that this option would provide me with the best opportunity to accomplish both of these.

Sincerely,

M. Alex Davis