The primary reason I want to be a Special Tactics Officer is to serve my country. It has always been my goal to make the world a better place, and I hope to do so by having the opportunity to serve my country as a STO. From my work experience and education, I believe that I would be a valuable candidate.

My experiences with the military do not come from family members or friends, but from my own interests and experiences. During high school I wanted to volunteer, and I was interested in military life from a young age, so I joined the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. I enjoyed the tradition and the opportunities, but most of all the community. Being around like-minded people who were also interested in service and improving their personal character was a very positive influence for a high school student. I still carry many of the lessons that I learned from my peers and instructors. My knowledge of military life through the Sea Cadet program I know will help me as an officer, as it continues to help and motivate me every day. I understand the expectations the Air Force will have of me and the core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do, which I will uphold as an Officer.

I have continued to feel a draw towards public service. While in college I attended a fire academy, worked for the police, and brought my mentality of serving others to every job and class. Whether I was a tutor, a mover, or a lab technician, I knew that I could benefit my team and others by working to the best of my ability. Public service and citizenship are my chosen way of life and what I truly enjoy doing.

In order to serve to the best of my ability I have strived to be the optimal person for those roles. While I have an engineering degree, the most important lessons that I learned from college were not technical, but in how to learn. I am not an expert, but my hope is to be a lifelong student and continue to learn and master new skills. I know that as a STO I will be presented with new challenges in terms of leadership and technical ability, and I am excited to learn and grow my character to meet those challenges.

I have a wide range of work and leadership experience. As a Resident Advisor in college I learned about leadership from an administrative position, being in charge of 80-110 students at a time and managing them. At first it was difficult overseeing so many people, but I learned how to still maintain a connection and understanding of those I was administering. Working as a mover and a security guard were different types of jobs from the air-conditioned ones, I had as a Resident Advisor and tutor. But from those jobs I learned the value of hard work and how even in a humble labor job I could still make a big impact on my community, owner, and most importantly my team. What being a leader means to me, regardless of the scenario or position, means to expect more of myself than my subordinates, to take initiative, and to make sure the job is complete. As a leader I see myself as working for those who I am in charge off. It is my job to serve them.

I hope that I can serve the United States as a Special Tactics Officer. I have dedication to service and skills that I believe will set me up for success. I am excited and willing to serve my country and the U.S. Air Force.