

Supporting Statement For
Air Force Academy Candidate Activities Record
HQ USAFA/RRI
USAF Form 147
OMB 0701-0063

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Need for the Information Collection

USAFA Form 147 implements the provisions of 10 USC 9346. Information collection is necessary in order to provide verification by a candidate's high school officer that all athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities are indeed true. Without this information it would be difficult to accurately determine a candidate's leadership abilities and physical stamina. Final USAF Academy selections could not be made if reviewing committees are not able to determine whether basic requirements have or have not been met. 10 USC 9346 is attached.

2. Use of Information

The information collected on this form is required by USC 10 and used by Air Force Academy officials to select appointees to the Academy. If the information on this form is not collected, the individual cannot be considered for admittance to the Air Force Academy.

3. Use of Technology

This form utilizes the current state of the art scanning equipment to register each candidate's high school activities, which determines leadership eligibility when these results are combined with candidate's fitness test results.

4. Non-duplication

An internal study was conducted to review and eliminate redundancy on all candidate screening and selections processes.

5. Burden on Small Business

The collection of this information does not impact small businesses.

6. Less Frequent Collections

This is a one-time collection for each person who has been sent a candidate kit. If the information is not collected, final eligibility cannot be determined, and therefore, the student cannot be considered for an appointment to the Academy.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Guidelines

There are no special circumstances. The collection of information will be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation and Public Comments

The 60 day Federal Register notice was published on February 5, 2007 (72 FR 5277). Copy attached. No comments were received. The Directors of Admissions of the three service academies periodically meet to discuss the availability of data and report format for the information collected from high school students. In addition to the meetings, the Air Force Academy surveys the freshman class each year to gather input pertaining to form completion.

9. Gifts or Payments

No payments or gifts will be made to respondents.

10. Confidentiality

The information collected is handled, stored, and disposed of in accordance with existing Department of Defense procedures for safeguarding official information. We also certify that the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular A-108, "Responsibilities for the Maintenance of Records about Individuals by Federal Agencies" are upheld. We are a military institution and all records for the Department of Defense are stored and tracked by Privacy Act information. The USAF Academy is also actively looking at using a Cadet Personal ID number as an alternative to their Social Security number information and is performing a cost analysis on changing all the data that is stored in the Cadet Management system and historical data. Since these individuals are going to be sworn into the military we must abide by the military regulations governing their personnel, medical, and other records. If the military system changes, using PIDs for each member of the Armed Forces, then the USAF Academy and other military institutions would follow suit. Each form that the Office of Admissions uses is stored in the database in different tables and is keyed by the SSAN. If we only collected the SSAN once, then we would not be able to store any of the data from the online forms (which was mandated by OMB in prior years to go paperless). We would then be required to spend numerous manhours and money to restructure our entire institutions Cadet/Historical/Admissions, hospital, etc databases to accept something other than the SSAN. As stated prior, when the military changes to go back to a system like the unique identifier that was used prior to 1970, then we will comply with changing all information and a great cost to the federal government.

11. Sensitive Questions

No sensitive questions are asked in this collection of information.

12. Respondent Burden and its Costs

The annual hour burden for respondents is 6383 hours. This was derived by taking the number of respondents, 8150, and multiplying this number by the estimated one-half hour required by

the candidate to complete a form, and the estimated fifteen minutes for a counselor to complete a form.

The annual costs to respondents is \$72,335. This was derived by taking the number of respondents, 8150, and multiplying this figure by the one-half hour completion time at \$6.50 per hour, the average hourly rate of a high school age candidate, and fifteen minutes completion time by a high school official, at an average hourly rate of \$21.00.

13. Cost of Respondent Burden

There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collected.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

The operational costs associated with this form, and incurred by the agency, is \$47,571. Included are printing costs of \$1617 and mailing costs of \$45,954. The cost to the federal government is \$57,597. This estimate was derived by applying a factor of \$24.17 per hour times the 2383 hours estimated for processing and analyzing the information collected

15. Reasons for Change in Burden

This is an extension of a previously approved collection for which there is no change in burden.

16. Collections of Information

Results will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. Expiration Date

The Air Force is not seeking an exception to display the expiration date of this information collection.

18. Certification Statement

No exceptions to the certification statement are being requested.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Statistical methods are not employed for this collection of information.