May 26, 2016

Dear ███ :

Thank you for your interest in attending the United States Naval Academy (USNA) as a member of the Class of 2021. We have carefully evaluated the information you submitted in your preliminary application. Based upon the scholastic information you have provided, we have determined that, at this point, you are currently not competitive enough to be designated an official candidate and complete an application.

If you still desire to be designated as an official candidate, please submit a copy of your most recent academic transcripts as soon as possible. Transcripts should be mailed to the following address: 52 King George Street Annapolis, MD 21402. To improve your competitiveness, you should also focus your attention this semester on improving your grade point average. Additionally, you may also want to consider retaking the SAT or ACT, including the writing portion. The Admissions Board uses the highest combination of critical reading (verbal) and math scores from all SAT or ACT tests taken by a candidate. Since students often see a considerable test score improvement on a second or third attempt at both tests, candidates will normally enhance their competitiveness by taking both the SAT and the ACT more than once. Test results must be received prior to January 31, 2017 in order **to qualify as a candidate** and receive an application for the Class of 2021.

Upon receipt of the requested information, your candidacy will again be reviewed. If your transcripts reflect a satisfactory level of academic performance, you will be designated an official candidate and you will be directed to complete the online application. Until then, your file will remain open; therefore, **it is not necessary to complete another Preliminary Application or to re-apply online.** The most recent class portrait is available online at www.usna.edu/Admissions. This information should serve as a good benchmark by which to measure your competitiveness for an appointment. You have my best wishes for success in the admissions process.

Sincerely,