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Dear 158th FW UPT Selection Committee

My name is Jett Valle and I am currently a senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University obtaining a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to become a fighter pilot. I've dedicated the better part of my life to aviation—starting my high school aviation club, obtaining my private pilot's license, and earning a place on the Dean's List five times while studying the intricacies of flight during my years in college. I have now reached the culmination of my preparation and am ready to move on to the next grand venture of my life and hopefully become a fighter pilot in the United States Air National Guard.

Over the years, I have consistently developed my leadership skills. From serving as the swim team captain and aviation club founding president in high school to taking on roles as a team lead and project engineer in complex technical projects during college, I have embraced every opportunity to grow as a leader. My college experiences include designing and conducting an experiment using the Embry-Riddle Low-Speed Wind Tunnel and working as a teaching assistant for a senior-level aircraft stability and control course. These roles have helped me build critical skills such as decisive decision-making, managing high-pressure situations, and navigating intricate time management solutions—qualities desired for positions such as fighter pilots. I actively seek out leadership roles to expose myself to diverse challenges and refine my abilities further.

In addition to these experiences, I currently serve as a teaching assistant for both Stability & Control and Flight Dynamics & Control courses, where I mentor students and help them navigate complex aerodynamic principles. Furthermore, as a Senior Design Team Lead, I have guided my team through complex design challenges, enhancing my leadership and project management skills. My time at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in Dayton, Ohio, allowed me to support conceptual aircraft design using wind tunnel data and conduct performance analysis for experimental aircraft, giving me firsthand experience with advanced aviation technologies and real-world engineering applications.

I am hoping to further sharpen my skills as an aviator and a leader and take the next steps in becoming a legendary Air National Guardsman flying the United States Air Force's most formidable aircraft. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and honored to submit my application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Jett Valle