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OBJECTIVE: To earn a UPT slot and fly the F-35A with the 457th Fighter Squadron

APPLICANT SNAPSHOT

PCSM: 90

AFOQT Pilot: 89

Age: 28

FC1 Flight Physical: Completed (2026)

FLIGHT EXPERIENCE: (C-172, PA-28)

Private Pilot Certificate: ASEL;
Instrument Airplane (in progress)

FAA 1st Class Medical; No Limitations

Total Time – 95 PIC – 60 Solo – 25
Cross Country – 18

EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science in Aerospace
Engineering, May 2020**

*Texas A&M University, College Station,
TX*

- GPA: 3.6/4.0
- Cadet Captain & Company Commander, Texas A&M Corps of Cadets; commanded a 200-member cadet company and managed a \$15K annual operating budget
- Vice President, AIAA Student Chapter; organized budget and speaker events for 80+ members

WORK EXPERIENCE

Engineering Team Lead, F-35A Program

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Fort Worth, TX 2022 – Present

- Lead a team of 12 engineers and technicians accountable for fleet health across 450+ aircraft, briefing program leadership monthly on status and risk
- Own and manage a \$2.1M annual sustainment budget, delivering every scheduled milestone on time or early for three consecutive years
- Personally accountable for resolving a fleet-wide grounding issue under a 60-day Air Force-mandated deadline, coordinating across 6 depots to return 30+ aircraft to flying status two months early
- Mentor and formally sign off on certifications for 3 junior engineers, taking direct responsibility for their development and readiness
- Selected for Lockheed Martin's Emerging Leaders Program (top 5% of engineering workforce) based on demonstrated leadership potential

Manufacturing Engineer Intern

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Fort Worth, TX 2019 (Summer)

- Managed a 15-person, cross-shift tooling improvement project against a fixed customer delivery deadline on the F-35A final assembly line
- Presented cost and schedule findings directly to senior manufacturing leadership, informing a \$500K tooling investment decision

Vice President, Emerging Professionals Employee Resource Group

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Fort Worth, TX 2022 – Present

- Manage a \$10K annual budget and lead a 6-person volunteer board planning events for 300+ early-career employees
- Coordinate quarterly leadership panels connecting emerging professionals directly with senior executives

Volunteer Ground School Instructor

DFW Civil Air Patrol Squadron, Fort Worth, TX 2021 – Present

- Plan and deliver weekend ground school curriculum for 15+ cadets, tracking each cadet's individual progress toward FAA knowledge test readiness
- Coordinate scheduling for 4 volunteer instructors to ensure uninterrupted weekly instruction throughout the academic year

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Lockheed Martin Team Leadership Award (2024)
- Emerging Leaders Program, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics (2023 – Present)
- Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, Cadet Captain & Company Commander (2019 – 2020)
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; led a 12-volunteer service project to renovate a community park pavilion
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor (2021 – Present)