



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
2200 ARMY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20310

DAJA-PT

1 August 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATES

SUBJECT: Funded Legal Education Program

1. This memorandum announces the opening of the 2016 Army Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) application window, from 1 August 2016 to 1 November 2016. Commissioned officers between the ranks of 2LT and CPT, with between two and six years of active federal service, as of 1 September 2017, are encouraged to apply and be considered for acceptance. The FLEP eligibility criteria are found in Army MILPER Message 16-053 and in AR 27-1, Chapter 14.

2. In 2015, the Army JAG Corps decreased its FLEP applicant pool by eighteen percent over the 2014 application figures. This year, at the HQDA level, the Corps seeks to increase interest in the FLEP through the aforementioned MILPER message and administration of the Army FLEP Facebook Group. At the OSJA level, we encourage you to support the effort to increase awareness of the FLEP by distributing the enclosed press release through your installation public affairs offices, in addition to employing other means of publication you deem appropriate.

3. The following points of general information should be emphasized to all applicants:

a. The six-year statutory cap on active federal service, as of the time legal training begins, cannot be waived. The active federal service calculation accounts for years of active enlisted, warrant, and commissioned service, combined.

b. The JAG Corps hopes to select up to 25 highly-qualified, junior officers to participate in the FLEP, beginning in Academic Year 2017-2018; however, participation will be based on funding and force management considerations.

c. Officers selected to participate in the FLEP generally attend law schools with published tuition rates under the annual tuition cap published by the HRC Advanced Civil Schooling office.

d. The average LSAT score for the 2015 FLEP selectees was 162 (85th percentile), and the average undergraduate GPA was 3.60.

e. All FLEP applications must be endorsed by the chain of command, up to the brigade or COL/O-6 level, before they are considered by the FLEP Board.

f. Original FLEP application packets must be received at the Office of the Judge Advocate

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General, Personnel, Plans, and Training Office no later than 1 November 2016. The address follows: Office of the Judge Advocate General; Personnel, Plans, and Training Office (ATTN: Ms. Yvonne Caron – Room 2B517); 2200 Army Pentagon; Washington, DC 20310-2200.

g. A copy of the FLEP application packet must also be received at each applicant's HRC branch office no later than 1 November 2016.

h. FLEP applications may be submitted without LSAT scores before the 1 November 2016 application deadline, but, upon receipt, applicants must submit their scores in time for FLEP Selection Board consideration on 5 December 2016. Applicants should be told that if their LSAT score does not arrive before the board convenes, their files will not be considered.

i. Letters of recommendation are not required. If included, applicants are encouraged to submit no more than three letters of recommendation in support of their applications.

j. All FLEP applicants should be advised to:

- (1) Determine their eligibility status.
- (2) Take the LSAT no later than September 2016.
- (3) Coordinate to receive all official college transcripts.
- (4) Forward their original applications for chain of command endorsement.
- (5) Schedule the SJA interview for a date in advance of the application deadline.

4. Applicants should review and sign the attached Statement of Understanding during the interview, see enclosure 2. Please submit the signed statements from your applicants, along with your SJA interview memoranda, to Ms. Yvonne Caron no later than 11 November 2016.

5. All SJAs should personally conduct each FLEP interview. As senior leaders of the Corps, your perception of each applicant's motivation and potential as a career judge advocate provides the board members valuable insight not available from other sources. Copies of your interview memoranda will not be shared with or forwarded to your interviewees; it is in the Corps' best interest that you be candid when evaluating each applicant.

6. After TJAG approves the FLEP Board results, we will post them on JAGCNET and forward them for release to your installations.

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7. The point of contact for the FLEP application process is Ms. Yvonne Caron at DSN 865-2843 or at [yvonne.m.caron2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:yvonne.m.caron2.civ@mail.mil).

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

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1. Sample Press Release  
2. Statement of Understanding  
3. FLEP Interview Sample Format  
4. MILPER Message 16-053



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## SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

### FUNDED LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

a. The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the Fall of 2017 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

b. Interested officers should review Army MILPER Message 16-053 and Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active Federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

c. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, send the original application to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-Rm 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, to be received by 1 November 2016. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

d. Interested officers should contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for further information.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

(Competitive Categories)

Pursuant to AR 27-1, paragraph 14-10(a) I understand officers participating in the Funded Legal Education Program will be detailed to the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC), but will be under the control of their basic branch for promotions, career status integration, and so forth, while attending law school.

Until I have passed a bar examination and have been admitted to practice before the highest court of any state or the District of Columbia, and assigned to a JAGC position I will not be considered part of the JAGC competitive category for the purposes of promotion.

The JAGC does not manage by year group. Once part of the JAGC competitive category, I will be considered for promotion at time-in-grade intervals, which may occur later in time than the Army promotion list.

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DATE SIGNED

(SAMPLE FORMAT)  
LETTERHEAD

MEMORANDUM FOR President, Funded Legal Education Board, Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-Room 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310

SUBJECT: Interview of RANK, NAME, BRANCH, Applicant for the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP)

1. I interviewed (officer's name and rank) on (date) in conjunction with his/her application for The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program.

2. My evaluation, based on that interview, follows:

Motivation for Attending Law School:

Motivation for Service as a Career Judge Advocate:

Military Bearing:

General Appearance and Condition:

Oral Communication Skills:

Undergraduate Grade Point Average:

My observations (based on recommendations from applicant's supervisor and personal interview) and recommendations:

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