After graduating Montana State University – Bozeman (2015) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science I was determined to go into a specialized graduate program within the security studies field. I was accepted into the Josef Korbel School of International Affairs at the University of Denver, specifically their Master of Arts in International Security program. The Josef Korbel School is well connected with the U.S. national security community and has a proud history and reputation of providing the federal government with well-organized, skilled, and determined individuals for a variety of government positions. Successful completion of my masters from this program will greatly benefit my future career ambitions with the federal government.

My personal interests lay within the West African region, specifically with activities involving localized terrorism and current U.S. military strategy in the region. I plan to shape my graduate program around these fields, which will enable me to become a better candidate for federal service post-degree completion. My targeted career path within the U.S. national security environment is in the field of analysis. My ultimate goal is to work for the Department of Defense, either through an analysis or area-expert capacity.

As a son of a career military intelligence officer, I plan to listen to all advice given to me, from him as well as his peers - all long-standing professionals within the national security fields. I have made it my personal goal to not only successfully complete my master’s degree, but to fully commit to employment within the U.S. national security apparatus if given an opportunity. To be selected for any award by the Lint Center for National Security would give me a boost in motivation in not only finishing my degree, but in continuing to learn and grow new and current knowledge.

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