

Short Essays

1.) Besides being a full-time brother of the Beta Psi Chapter, there are other activities I participate in. To begin, I am currently in my third year of being part of the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) program here at East Stroudsburg University. This program's purpose is to train and prepare future Army 2nd Lieutenants throughout their years at college. One of the many things I do in this program is work out three times a week at 6:00am which is always a great way to start my day. I also am required to take multiple military science classes which help train and prepare me as a cadet. This program has given me many great experiences as well, for example, last summer I was given the opportunity to go and train at West Point for a week or two. Overall, I'd say most of my time isn't invested in school or the fraternity is directed towards ROTC. Some of my interests consist of going to the gym daily and working out with some of the brothers. I really enjoy exercising as it helps me grow physically and mentally along with giving me a great opportunity to bond with my fellow brothers. To add, during the winter months I like to go snowboarding at Camelback. I picked up this new activity last year and have fallen in love with it ever since. My whole life winter was always pretty boring, and I stayed indoors for the most part but when I discovered my love for snowboarding, it brought a whole new outlook on the winter. Lastly, I truly love spending time with friends and family. It doesn't matter what activity I am doing, as long as I'm able to have some quality time with those that I love, it is always a great time. Overall, being a brother of this chapter definitely takes up a lot of my time as I enjoy being with my brothers as much as possible but there are also other activities I've learned to love as well.

2.) After I graduate from East Stroudsburg University in the Spring of 2026, I plan on commissioning with the United States Army as an Officer. Finally becoming an officer in the Army is a goal I've had since I joined the ROTC program my first semester in college. I plan to serve in the military for the next four years after my time in the university. I plan to work in the logistics branch and hopefully am able to choose a base somewhere I would like to spend my next few years at. During my time in the U.S Army I hope to inspire and lead all around me to be better soldiers and people every day. During this time, I plan on purchasing my first home near whatever base I am stationed at. I would also like to help my three younger sisters with whatever needs they have as they will be finishing high school and beginning college. After my four years in the military, I plan to retire from the Army as a Captain hopefully. Once my career in the military is over, I want to use my degree and begin to teach U.S History at a high school up north, most likely in Pennsylvania or New Jersey. Once I am a teacher, I would really like to coach track and field and soccer as well, two sports I am very familiar with. Becoming an educator and helping the next generation to be better than my own has always been a goal of mine since high school. Simply being able to see kids grow academically and also develop a sense of morals is what I believe my career should be focused on once I begin to teach in high school. I am aware that life will throw curveballs my way and these plans I've made could

change. But as of right now, if I can accomplish these goals in the upcoming years, I'd truly be living my dream life.

3.) I feel that I am a good candidate for the John Gudikunst Scholarship because we share the same values that separate us from the average man. John, based on what I've heard from fellow alumni, was the ideal Sigma Pi man. He put his brothers, and the chapter first and deeply cared about the well-being of those around him. The impact he has had on the Beta Psi Chapter was so great that I am here today writing about what a great example he was to all of us. I'd like to believe I share the same values that John did. Placing others before myself was the sole reason why I ran for sage this past fall and why my brothers elected me for the position. It is easy for one to only worry about themselves but the men who decide to worry about something larger than themselves and I think John and I are like these special men. I carry the Sigma Pi values everywhere I go, and it never fails to leave an impression on those around me. In my two years as a brother, I've helped to establish a strong brotherhood like none other on campus. With the help of my brothers, we have diffused culture and have all developed a character that separates us from any men at East Stroudsburg University. These strong values have turned me into the man I am today, and all the credit is given to the great alumni that have helped these beliefs be passed down through generations. Throughout my time here I have gone from a new member with little knowledge of what it truly means to be a Sigma Pi man to now, someone who leads his chapter every day and has instilled these strong values into his own personal life. Overall, I believe that I am a strong candidate for this scholarship simply because, like John Gudikunst, I care about lifting those around me up and live to see the success of others, not just my own.

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