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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Work-Product

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01289

COUNSEL: *Work-Product*

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be eligible to participate in the Air Force Reserve (AFR) Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

When he enlisted in the AFR for a period of six years, he was informed by the AFR recruiter that he was eligible for the SLRP program. However, although his records contain a DD Form 1966, *Record of Military Processing – Armed Forces of the United States*, from his initial enlistment in the Air National Guard in 2013, he has been informed that he requires another DD Form 1966 for his 2021 enlistment in the Reserves to be eligible for SLRP.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve technical sergeant (E-6).

On 12 Dec 13, according to DD Form 1966, he was accepted by his recruiter for enlistment in the Air National Guard.

On 20 Apr 21, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve for a period of six (6) years.

On 6 Apr 22, according to AF IMT 4021, *Application for Incentive Participation*, he requested a prior service enlistment incentive for the Duty Air Force Specialty Code (DAFSC)/Career Air Force Specialty Code (CAFSC) of 2T271/2T231 for the Air Force Reserve FY21 Officer and Enlisted Bonus Incentive.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

MyFSS website, *AFR Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)*, this program is designed to attract and retain individuals in critical wartime specialties for participation in the Selected Reserve. Enlisted members agree to participate in the Selected Reserve in exchange for education loan repayment. This incentive provides the participant with annual payments towards their student loan, upon serving a satisfactory year. This program is currently available to civilian accessions to the Air Force Reserve and prior-service Airmen (including affiliation). The SLRP is designed to

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repay Federal guaranteed student loans. Airman must be awarded an AFSC and fill a valid Selected Reserve position based on their duty AFSC. Their duty AFSC must align with the AFSCs listed on the current Air Force Reserve Master Incentive Listing at the time their enlistment. The individual must enlist for 6-years in a critical AFSC. NOTE: All incentive programs are offered based on the requirements of the Air Force Reserve and are limited to available funding.

Member application Process. Member must visit their servicing Base Education Office within 90 days of enlistment anniversary date to initiate the loan repayment process. The servicing Base Education Office will provide the member counseling, program facts, contact information, and the written agreement form.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPAT, recommends granting applicant's request to be eligible for the SLRP incentive. The applicant enlisted in the Air Force Reserve (AFR) on 20 Apr 21 in the 2T2X1 AFSC and is eligible for the AFR FY21 Enlisted Bonus Incentive. Additionally, at the time of his enlistment his recruiter should have included his SLRP bonus entitlement within his enlistment documents.

Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is evidence of an error or injustice as his recruiter should have included his SLRP bonus incentive within his enlistment documents.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 3 Jan 23 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of ARPC/DPAT and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show his DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, dated 20 April 2021, include the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) bonus entitlement.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01289 in Executive Session on 7 Feb 22

Work-Product [redacted] Panel Chair
Work-Product [redacted] Panel Member
Work-Product [redacted] Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 24 Aug 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, ARPC/DPAT, dated 28 Dec 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 3 Jan 23.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

4/21/2024

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: *Work-Product* [redacted]