APPLICATION FOR NPS PRORANGER

2012-2013 Academic School Year

ProRanger Program
San Antonio College
Academic Instruction Center, Office 227E
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PRORANGER PROGRAM

ProRanger is a new academic and internship-based intake program for National Park Service (NPS) Law Enforcement Rangers. This two-year program is a collaborative partnership between San Antonio College and the NPS. ProRanger provides training and professional development during the school year and paid internships in national parks during the summer. ProRanger helps you develop skills and abilities, and provides you with the experience necessary to become a full-time NPS employee. Apply to this program if you are willing to challenge yourself more than the average student, and if you are seeking a career - not just a job.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

ProRanger applicants should be dedicated, serious individuals who can demonstrate their potential in and outside the classroom. To be eligible for the ProRanger program you must:

- Be a US citizen or national
- Be at least 19 years of age, and no older than 35 years of age (military veterans exempted)
- Be an enrolled student in an accredited academic program working towards a degree or certification
- Be able to meet medical and physical fitness standards at the conclusion of the two-year program
- Have a favorable background check, including security clearance, drug testing and criminal history
- Be willing to make a two-year commitment to the program AND be willing to relocate outside of San Antonio, TX

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- Remain in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher) with a minimum half-time course load
- Participate in workshops, seminars and professional development activities during the entire academic year
- Participate in summer internships
- Willing to relocate and travel during summer internships and final placement
- Achieve satisfactory yearly performance reviews

HOW TO APPLY

The ProRanger selection process requires an Application Packet which gives you the opportunity to provide additional information which will highlight your overall personality and potential. The packet should convey your knowledge, skills, abilities and experience to help us understand why you would be a good candidate for the ProRanger Program. After the packets have been reviewed, applicants may receive an invitation to interview with the selection committee.

The Application Packet must include:

- ProRanger Application form (attached)
- Completed ProRanger Questionnaire form (attached)
- Three ProRanger Letter of Recommendation forms (attached - please print three): one from an academic reference; one from a work reference; and one from a personal reference
- One-page cover letter indicating your desire and qualifications to be a ProRanger Cadet
- Your Resume
- Your most current Academic Transcript (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- An additional submission (up to four pages in length) which conveys who you are. What are you passionate about?
- What are your hobbies? What do you feel is important for the selection committee to know about you? You may incorporate graphics and visual images, but do NOT submit original photographs or audiovisual presentations.

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number_____

Email Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Student ID Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender ☐ Female ☐ Male

Racial Ethnic Origin (Optional)
☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Native American or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ Multi-Racial ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone Number_____

Address _____

Do you have any family members who work or have worked for the National Park Service? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If Yes, please list: _____

Do you have any family members who work or have worked in Law Enforcement? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If Yes, please specify: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College _____ College GPA:_____
Name City/State Dates Attended

High School _____ H.S. GPA:_____
Name City/State Dates Attended

CERTIFICATION

I certify the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize the release of this information and/or transcripts to anyone or any institution involved in the ProRanger Program selection process.

_____ _____
Signature Date Signed

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following four questions thoughtfully and honestly, and type (cut and paste) your responses directly into this form. NOTE: Each response should be 250 words or less.

QUESTION #1: **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRORANGER CADET?**

QUESTION #2: **WHAT THREE THINGS MOST ATTRACT YOU TO LAW ENFORCEMENT?**

QUESTION #3: **HOW HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY?**

QUESTION #4: **WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE IN YOUR CAREER IN FIVE YEARS?**

SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Please read each sentence and check the box with the response that best describes YOU.

1. I am a team player and work best in a team environment.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

2. The sight of blood kind of bothers me – I guess you could say I'm squeamish.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

3. I am highly competitive and like to win.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

4. I am physically fit and enjoy regular exercise.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

5. I like being in the outdoors and experiencing nature.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

6. I enjoy interacting and talking with different kinds of people.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

7. I am not afraid of fire.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

8. When faced with a problem, I seek help to solve it.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

9. I am an adventurous thrill seeker.

   Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

10. I am comfortable with and good at public speaking.

    Strongly Agree □ Somewhat Agree □ Disagree □

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Letters of Recommendation are considered a valuable asset in selecting NPS ProRanger Cadets.
- Please provide current and accurate information. All information will remain confidential.
- Assess the applicant as indicated below.
- Return your recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope. The applicant will include the sealed recommendation in their application packet.
- Additional information may also be submitted.
- For questions or concerns contact Dr. Lavell Merritt (210) 486-1701.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Your Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

Daytime telephone number _____ Evening phone number _____

Email Address _____

Relationship to applicant (please select one):

☐ Professional ☐ Educational ☐ Civic ☐ Ecclesiastical ☐ Friend ☐ Family ☐ Other (please specify) _____

APPLICANT ASSESSMENT

On a scale of 1 – 10 (1 = lacking, 10 = highly developed) please indicate your impression of the applicant.

Honesty/Integrity	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Work Ethic	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Motivation	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Reliability	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Enthusiasm	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Potential	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10
Leadership	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5	☐ 6	☐ 7	☐ 8	☐ 9	☐ 10

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR INPUT YOU FEEL IS IMPORTANT

RECOMMENDATION

Would you recommend this applicant for the NPS ProRanger Law Enforcement program?

Please recommend on a scale of 1 – 10 (1 = would not recommend, 10 = highly recommend)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

CERTIFICATION

I certify the information provided on this recommendation is correct to the best of my knowledge and I authorize the release of this information to anyone or any institution involved in the ProRanger Program selection process.

Signature _____ Date _____