STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

MARINE CORPS POLICY CONCERNING USE OF DRUGS

1. Purpose. The purpose of this document is to make sure that you completely understand the Marine Corps policy on the illegal use of drugs.

2. Policy. The illegal distribution, possession or use of drugs is not tolerated in the United States Marine Corps. Furthermore, each instance of illegal drug use by a Marine makes that Marine unfit for duty and a risk to the safety of fellow Marines. In the Corps, every Marine has a responsibility for the lives of fellow Marines. It is your responsibility to use all your influence over fellow Marines to help avoid involvement with illegal drugs. As a Marine, you are expected to be dedicated to the highest standards of personal conduct and honor.

3. Certification. I certify that I completely understand the Marine Corps policy on the illegal use of drugs. I understand I will be screened for alcohol and given urinalysis tests for drugs during my initial physical, and given a urinalysis test for drugs within 24 hours of my arrival at Officer Candidates School. I understand that if I test positive for drugs or alcohol at any time, I will be disqualified for enlistment and appointment. I understand that if I test positive on the urinalysis at Officer Candidates School or The Basic School that I will be subject to an administrative discharge from the Marine Corps or even to courts-martial. I also understand that once I enlist into an officer candidate program, any illegal use of drugs will adversely affect my ability to commence training at Officer Candidates School and The Basic School if commissioned.

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(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

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(Applicant's Printed Name) (Last 4 Social Security Number)

4. Marine Officer Verification. I certify that I have completely explained the Marine Corps policy on the illegal use of drugs to the above named applicant and advised him/her to be thoroughly honest in completing the Drug Abuse screening form.

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(Marine Officer Signature) (Date)

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(Marine Officer Printed Name)