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National Air and Space Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

Sirs:

Please send me the necessary information and forms to apply for a pre-doctorial Guggenheim Fellowship. I am presently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in American History at Texas A&M University. My area of primary concentration is in Military History and my dissertation will be on the history of the "Ranch Hand" operation in Vietnam. I have a B.S.O. E. and an M.A. from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos. I expect to complete all my work toward the Ph.D., except for the dissertation, by this summer.

The fellowship announcement noted that this program is for young scholars. I am a former Air Force officer who hopes to teach in the field of history, however, at the age of forty-five I hardly qualify as young anymore. Therefore, if my age disqualifies me from eligibility for this fellowship, please let me know. I would also appreciate any idea you could give me on temporary housing costs in the area, since if the costs are prohibitive for my wife and son to accompany me, I would not be interested in applying for the fellowship.

Thank you for your time and trouble,

Respectfully,

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include area of academic interest
& current or anticipated degree status