

## **GUIDELINES FOR YOUR PERSONAL LETTER TO THE PROMOTION SELECTION BOARD**

There is no textbook method for writing a letter to the Promotion Selection Board. You may want to refer to AFH 37-137, *Tongue and Quill*, for letter formats and Air Force writing tips. Below are some requirements for such letters and some hints from previous board members.

1. You may send written communication to the board calling attention to any matter that you consider important to your case. Send your letter to the address in paragraph 2, to arrive at least 30 days before the date the board convenes (allow 10 days for mailing). In accordance with AFI 36-2504, paragraph 4.7.2, letters must be received not later than 0800 the date on which the board convenes.

2. Address your letter to: Board President  
HQ ARPC/DPBA  
6760 E. Irvington Place #2010  
Denver CO 80280-2010

a. Make your letter brief with clear, concise, and factual statements. A single page, typed in bullet format, is recommended. The boards will not consider letters written by others on behalf of any officer.

b. While attachments to your letter are not prohibited, do not attach anything that may become or is already a part of your record such as PRF, OPR, or decoration narratives. Attachments are not encouraged unless they provide significant, new information that cannot be included in the basic letter.

c. Explain, rebut, refute, or mitigate matters that are in your record if applicable. Caution: There are administrative methods to have OERs/OPRs removed from your record (AFI 36-2401). Use these methods, if appropriate, rather than a letter to the board.

d. A letter is helpful if any information is missing from your record or if there are gaps in your record. Some examples include: 1) You are currently or were recently in a nonparticipating status (why, and are you seeking a participating assignment); 2) You have insufficient active or inactive duty tour points or points for retirement, especially in recent years (what happened?); 3) You lack the appropriate level of PME (are you working on it?). You may also wish to mention specific achievements not mentioned in OPRs or in the selection folder. Keep in mind that your selection folder already contains documents reflecting points earned, effectiveness/performance and training reports, approved citations for decorations, and a selection brief.

3. The staff of the Selection Board Secretariat (HQ ARPC/DPB) will return letters received after the board convenes. They will not return letters reviewed by the board unless you request it and provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Copies of letters will be filed in the Master Personnel File after the boards adjourn.

4. Please make sure you sign your letter and include your Social Security Number on your letter to ensure that it will be properly filed in your selection folder.