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## The Application Process

1. Talk to your Corps Officer
2. Meet with your Divisional Candidate Secretary
3. Formally request entry into the application process.
4. Meet with your contact in **CAP** - the Candidate Coaching Action Plan, to begin the various assessments and set personal goals that help you prepare for Cadetship and Officership.
5. Work with CAP and your DCS to determine your entry year and timing of your Application for Officership
6. Submit your Application Packet.

Both the Preliminary Application to enter the preparation phase and the Application for Officership are reviewed and approved at the Territorial Candidates Council.

### Don't Wait ...

... to experience "ministry." If you aren't already, get involved in Leadership in your corps. Become familiar with the full scope of the Corps ministries. Stretch yourself ... get involved in something you haven't helped with before.

... explore education options that will ready you for an intensive scholastic program.

### More importantly ...

Seek the Lord. Read & Study the Word, seek Wise Counsel and Pray for direction.

**"Seek His will in all you do and He will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:6**



... and Beyond

**Two years to prepare . . .  
a lifetime to serve!**

**Seeking God's Will  
for Your Life?**

**Think it might be  
Officership?**

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# Seeking God's Will

- ◆ Recognize that God wants to guide and direct our lives. This is scriptural.
- ◆ Determine to seek the Lord through reading His Word and Prayer that is specific. Seek to know His heart about His plans and desires for your life.
- ◆ Get involved in Discipleship where you intentionally go “deeper” in your understanding of the workings and characteristics of God. Be a Disciple!
- ◆ Connect with a mature Christian who is willing and able to be your Mentor. Mentors can help us develop and grow in faith and preparedness for service.
- ◆ Explore opportunities that “present themselves” and be open to the Lord “making a way.” Don’t resent closed doors. Instead, let the Lord use what He desires to guide and direct you.
- ◆ Deal with the Junk (and we all have junk). Past failures, sin, hurts and “sensitive” areas can be used by the enemy to defeat you. Take them before the Lord, make sure you are free of their influence. Seek counseling or mentoring in those specific areas. We are tempted to just “get over it, and move on.” but the Word calls us to “put off” and “rid ourselves” of the sins and weaknesses of the natural man. This can be embarrassing and painful but it will be worth it!

## Thinking that Officership might be in your future? Prepare your Mind and Body!

We all need to be willing to step back and look at our lives, habits and the practical things of life. Preparing for ministry is a great time to look at your “weak” spots and address them.

**Education:** English something you slept through in High School? Math a subject you’ve avoided? Reading something you just can’t get into? In officership you will need these skills to make you a more effective communicator and manager of Salvation Army resources. Begin to apply yourself to improving yourself in these practical areas.

**Stress:** How do you deal with stress and pressures of life? These are huge in Officership. Develop healthy habits for coping and release of the stresses that come: prayer, exercise, music, meditating on the Word. We “know” these are healthy activities but many get into the habit of handling stress in ways that are destructive: gossip, eating, shutting out life with games and computer distractions, or bottling up anger and stress until we explode with words or actions. Ask others to help you “see” what you may not be aware of about yourself in those areas.

**Married:** Don’t assume that Officership will ensure a long and happy marriage. Officership is stressful on many levels and the area of marriage and family can be one of them. Pray together, get involved in partnership ministries, work together and plan together. Be open to each others strengths and weaknesses and help each other to grow and gain strength in weak areas. Marriage counseling from a professional who can help you learn how to relate and cope in a demanding “working together” environment can be a huge plus for the couple who is getting ready for full time ministry.

**Lifestyle:** Determine to be healthy. Don’t be defensive! We can always cite people in leadership who are not healthy. That isn’t the point. As we learn more and more about how to best care for this “temple” God has given each of us, it is obvious that a healthy lifestyle is better stewardship of our bodies. So, make healthy choices, if you need to lose weight, don’t put it off. If you have a sedentary lifestyle, start moving. If you live on fast food, start thinking about better nutrition. Get enough rest and seek balance in your life.

**Finances:** How do you spend your money? What assets and resources do you have that will help you as you plan for your CFOT tuitions, fees and living expenses over the two years of training? Address debt if you have it and avoid accumulating it if you don’t. Feel overwhelmed by this part? Take a personal budget course like “Good Sense” or ask for help and direction from your Divisional Candidate Secretary

**Seek the Lord:** Determine to use all your days for God’s glory. He will not leave you wondering what He is asking of you. You can be sure you are not alone in the process ... many care and will come along side as you seek to know and do God’s will!

