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Duluth -- Six members of UMD's 420th Air Force ROTC Detachment have been selected to be awarded a total of \$11,000 in AF ROTC Financial Assistance Grants.

Announcement of the awards was made jointly today by Brig. Gen. Donald F. Blake, commandant of the Air University's AF ROTC, and Lt. Col. Richard D. Kepner, UMD professor of aerospace studies.

Winners of \$2,000 grants for the next two years at UMD are sophomores Timothy E. Koivisto, Patrick B. Lindberg, Peter G. von Glahn and Harvey D. Smith, all of Duluth, and Michael A. McFarland, St. Paul.

Winner of a \$1,000 grant for his senior year at UMD is John M. Dunphy Jr., Hoyt Lakes.

Col. Kepner said the sophomore grants were made from 1,400 candidates from 153 of the nation's leading colleges and universities. The Dunphy grant was made from 159 national winners.

Kepner said the total value of the grants is the highest in the history of the UMD detachment.

"These financial assistant grants are awarded to high quality students who possess skills and backgrounds required by the Air Force," Kepner declared. "We are pleased that six of our UMD sophomore and junior cadets were selected for this high honor. We are very hopeful that we will fare as well next month when the freshmen nominees are selected."

Each grant covers the cost of full tuition, laboratory expenses, incidental fees, and an allowance for textbooks. In addition, the cadets receive \$50 per month during the tenure of the grant, all the benefits dependent on whether the cadet remains fully qualified.

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Criteria for selection included a cumulative grade average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, high scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, satisfactory medical qualifications, and high personal and moral standards. Consideration was also given to each cadet's academic major and background.

Serving on the grant committee at UMD which selected nominees were Dr. Harry C. Johnson, chairman, Division of Education and Psychology; Thomas J. Bukvich, asst. prof. secondary education; and officers of the ROTC staff.

The UMD winners and their major fields of study are Koivisto, geology; Lindberg, biology; von Glahn, education; Smith, biology; McFarland, history; and Dunphy, chemistry.