

Date

Name

Street

City, state, zip code

Dear [name],

Because of my Christian beliefs about war, I do not feel I can serve in the military and have made a decision to request a classification of A-4 or conscientious objection. In the event the United States institutes a military draft, I will be required to demonstrate that my convictions about war are sincere and that they developed through a process of heart-felt deliberation. I will also be required to show ways in which my conscientious decision will affect my whole life, not just my status with the Selective Service System. Even though I am just in high school, I know now that I will choose a career that does not conflict with my conscience or my Christian faith. [If you know what kind of work you will do or what kind of lifestyle you desire, share it here.]

I am compiling a file to document my convictions in the event I am required to give an accounting to a draft board or to Selective Service. I believe they will take my request more seriously if I take seriously the call to account for my beliefs. I do not want to wait until the government institutes a draft to articulate what I believe about war. My convictions will not change based on my personal risk.

Would you be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me? The letter should 1) tell how you know me; 2) give your impression of my convictions and the depth of my commitment; and 3) declare your support for my request to the Selective Service System.

I would like to finalize my file by [date]. Please let me know if you feel you can write a supporting letter and whether the deadline is convenient for you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]