

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY IS FOR AIRMEN



PRIDE

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each year 85 active-duty Airmen and 85 Airmen serving in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard may receive appointments to the Air Force Academy. Refer to AFI 36-2019 for directions on applying to the Academy and AFI 36-2021 for applying to the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

To compete for either, you must complete Air Force Form 1786. Submit the form through your unit commander and Military Personnel Flight and forward it to:

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive Suite 2300
USAF Academy CO 80840-5025

The form must arrive no later than January 31 for the class entering the following June. Additional information about the Academy and the Prep School may be obtained by calling 1-800-443-8187, DSN 333-2520, or commercial 719-333-2520.

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FUTURE



FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

The Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, 55 miles south of Denver, educates young men and women for service and leadership in the Air Force. The four-year program includes an academic education along with leadership development and athletic participation. Graduates receive Bachelor of Science degrees and commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Air Force.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 17 but not older than 23 on July 1 of the year you enter the Academy.
- Be an unmarried citizen of the United States, and have no dependents.
- Be of good moral character. No prior drug use or conviction.
- Have a well-rounded background.



SERVICE



ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Prep School's mission is to prepare, motivate and evaluate selected candidates for admission to and success at the Air Force Academy. It's located on the Air Force Academy grounds, about five miles from the cadet area. Intensive instruction in English, science and math, as well as military training and athletic development, makes Prep School students more competitive for the limited number of appointments to the Academy and prepares them for cadet life.

If you receive and accept an Academy appointment after completing the Prep School, you'll enter with the new cadet class in June. You must not have passed your 22nd birthday by July 1 of the year you enter the Prep School, and you must meet the other basic eligibility requirements.



Educational Opportunities

SCHOLASTIC EXAMINATIONS

Academy and Prep School applicants must take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT). Test dates may be obtained through your base education office. The tests must be taken on national testing dates. Airmen may take the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) test by making arrangements with the local education office.

We do not accept scores achieved on non-standard tests. A good high school background with studies in mathematics, natural sciences, social studies and English will help you qualify on the SAT or ACT tests. We use your highest scores, so you may want to take the tests more than once.

MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL EXAMS

You must take a thorough medical exam scheduled by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Healthy individuals with normal vision usually experience little difficulty in passing the exam.

You must also pass a fitness test, which measures coordination, strength and endurance. You should participate in organized athletics and vigorous physical activities, such as distance running and sustained exercises, to prepare for the fitness test.

The Academy's elevation of more than 7,000 feet affects physical performance.

PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE

We'll evaluate your leadership potential through your record of participation in athletic activities, including team or individual sports, and non-athletic activities, such as class offices, public speaking, Civil Air Patrol, and scouting. Your grade transcripts from high school, and from any preparatory school or college you may have attended after high school, will determine your academic potential. We'll also consider your accomplishments on active duty and recommendations from supervisors.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We consider all candidates (Regular or Reserve) on a competitive basis for admission to the Academy. Examination results and previous achievements determine selections. We'll notify you of your status in early May. Airmen not accepted for direct entrance into the Academy are automatically considered for the Prep School.

ADMISSION DEPOSIT

A \$925 deposit to the prep school helps to offset initial expenses.

Honor



BASIC CADET TRAINING

Basic Cadet Training (BCT), a strenuous 38-day program, begins your transition to cadet life. You'll develop leadership qualities through participation in vigorous physical conditioning programs and military activities. You'll learn teamwork as you solve problems working with other basic cadets. The highly competitive, rapidly paced training teaches you how to perform effectively in a short time. You'll learn to face stress with confidence through meeting the challenges of BCT. The Prep School has a similar two-week basic training program.



OPPORTUNITY

Excellence



LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY TRAINING



The Academy trains you to become a professional career officer. During the fall and spring semesters, you'll learn about the armed forces and Air Force operations.

You'll gain first-hand knowledge of these studies when you undertake summer training programs at the Academy and other military installations worldwide. You'll gradually develop leadership skills as you progress from a follower to a leader in the Cadet Wing.

You'll be introduced to flying through orientation flights and aviation instruction. All cadets may pursue interests in aviation, soaring, parachuting or navigation. Qualified cadets who are selected to enter either pilot or navigator training after graduation take a specialized program in flying.

Military training is also part of everyday life at the Prep School. It provides leadership opportunities to prepare you for the military programs of the Academy.

You must accept the honor code when entering the Prep School or the Academy. The code, "We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does," encompasses the minimum standards of moral behavior. You also must live by principles of professional ethics that extend beyond the code's minimum standards.

Some of the principles include responsibility, confidence, respect for others, selflessness, courage, honesty, fairness, self-discipline, loyalty, and a keen sense of duty.

Team



Teamwork

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

The academic curriculum develops innovative, analytical and resourceful Air Force officers. You'll complete a balanced sequence of prescribed courses in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences and humanities.

You'll carry a demanding academic workload from the time you enter until graduation. In the fall of your first year, you'll enter academic classes and begin working toward a degree.

The Academy offers 32 majors, which relate to Air Force career fields. You may choose a major in a subject area suited to your interests. If you have the talents and interests to pursue further study, you may take elective enrichment courses.

The honors version of core courses offers more in-depth study of course material. Prep School courses begin on the high school level and proceed rapidly to college-level material. Intensive instruction in English, math and science prepares you for the SAT and ACT tests required for entrance into the Academy and the Academy's challenging academic program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

The athletic program helps build your physical fitness and develop leadership attributes such as confidence and the will to win. You'll learn skills for many sports in physical education classes and compete in a variety of intramural contests. If you have an aptitude for a particular sport, you may join an intercollegiate team. The Air Force Academy has 27 teams.

Known as the Falcons, they compete in the Mountain West Conference (MWC) along with Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, University of Nevada Las Vegas, San Diego State University, Texas Christian University, and universities in New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

The men's and women's teams participate in Division I of the NCAA. The teams also compete against the other service academies. The Prep School athletic program includes physical conditioning classes, intramural sports and varsity athletics. The four varsity athletic teams are known as Huskies.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Community Center Chapel, the Cadet Chapel and local area churches provide many opportunities for religious worship. Chaplains of all major faiths are available to counsel students.

To further your own hobbies and interests, you may join cadet clubs and professional groups. You may entertain guests in the cadet social center on weekends. Cadet dances and concerts by popular entertainers are held there frequently. The Prep School also has several clubs and activities throughout the year.



On-campus recreation facilities include swimming pools, outdoor courts, and golf courses. You may hike, backpack and fish right in the area or at other nearby places. Many Colorado ski resorts are less than a three-hour drive from the Academy.

ACADEMY STANDARDS

Mission

To educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

Values

- Integrity First
- Service Before Self
- Excellence In All We Do

Goal

Produce officers who have the knowledge, character and motivation essential to leadership; pride in all they do; and commitment to an Air Force career.

Character Development Outcomes



- Officers of forthright integrity, who voluntarily decide the right thing to do and do it.
- Officers who are selfless in service to their country, the Air Force and their subordinates.
- Officers who are committed to excellence in the performance of their personal and professional responsibilities.
- Officers who respect the dignity of all human beings.
- Officers who are decisive, even when facing high risk.
- Officers who take full responsibility for their decisions.
- Officers with the self-discipline, stamina and courage to do their duty well even under the most extreme and prolonged conditions of national defense.
- Officers who understand the significance of spiritual values and beliefs in their own character development and that of the community.

ACADEMY FACTS

Application deadline: January 31 of year of entry

Nomination deadline: January 31 of year of entry

Class selected: November - May

Class size: Approximately 1,200 cadets

Class admission: June

Scholarship benefits: There are no tuition charges. Room, meals, medical and dental care, and \$845 monthly cash allowance are all provided.

Calendar: Fall and spring semesters, plus two-month summer term.

Academic Data: Current mid-50% scores:

SAT

590-660 Verbal

630-690 Mathematics

ACT

27-31 English

28-32 Reading

28-32 Mathematics

27-31 Science Reasoning

Characteristics:

- 10% Valedictorian/Salutatorian
- 16% Class President/Vice President
- 51% Top 10% of high school class
- 82% Athletic letter awards
- 21% Boys/Girls State or Nation
- 64% National Honor Society
- 29% Scouting

Years of education: Four years

Graduation requirements:

- Minimum of 2.0 (C) GPA
- Proficiency in physical and military training
- Satisfactory conduct

Total semester hours:

Approximately 160 hours

Graduation awards: Bachelor of Science degree with a major, Air Force commission, and career assignment.

Career choice: Variety of career areas available in the Air Force.

Flying: Medically qualified and selected graduates may enter pilot or navigator training.

Future: Opportunity for 20- to 30-year career in the Air Force.

Minimum service: All Air Force Academy graduates must serve at least five years on active duty.

Pilots and navigators must serve a longer commitment. The length of commitment is determined by Air Force policy in effect at the time of graduation from flight training.

PREP SCHOOL FACTS

Application deadline: January 31 of year of entry

Nomination deadline: January 31 of year of entry

Class selected: December - June

Class admission: Late July

Deposit: \$925

Scholarship benefits: There are no tuition charges. Room, meals, medical and dental care, and salary equal to military rank held when admitted, are all provided.

Calendar: July - May, four quarters of nine weeks each.

For more information, write or call:

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