

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY IS FOR AIRMEN





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.

The Air Force Academy is the Air Force's own four-year military academy that educates and trains young men and women in academics, leadership, character and athletics. Graduates receive a Bachelor of Science degree and commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Each year, through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development (LEAD) Program, the Air Force Academy accepts up to 85 active-duty Airmen and 85 Airmen serving in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

As a current member of the Air Force team, you have gained valuable experience and built a firm knowledge base about Air Force life, etiquette, doctrine and procedures. You might have decided you would like to make a career out of the Air Force. Regardless, attendance at the Air Force Academy is an option you should learn more about.

The benefits of attending the Academy are endless, but here are some of the more obvious reasons. While at the Academy, you will:

Attend classes as a full-time college student and earn a monthly salary

Gain valuable leadership experience to prepare you as an Air Force officer

Be required to stay healthy and active

Receive free room, board, meals and medical and dental care

Not have any student loans

Be guaranteed a profession as an officer in the Air Force

As an enlisted member, you also have the option of attending the Air Force Academy Preparatory School, located about five miles from the Academy campus. The duration of the Prep School is 10 months, and it provides extensive instruction in English, science, math, as well as military training and athletic development. The mission of the Prep School is: "To prepare, motivate and evaluate selected candidates for admission to and success at the Air Force Academy."

MESSAGE FROM USAFA DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

"As an enlisted member, you have gained valuable knowledge, experience and discipline. At the Air Force Academy, prior enlisted cadets are an important asset to the growth and development of their fellow classmates. We're seeking motivated Airmen who excel at their duties, who desire a challenge and who desire to lead. If you would like to advance your career as an officer, earn a prestigious education, and experience amazing and unique opportunities, the Academy is most definitely an option worth considering."

ACADEMICS

The Air Force Academy is credited as having one of the most prestigious academic programs available. Not only do you have 32 academic majors from which to choose, but the classes take place in settings with state-of-the-art technology. More importantly, classes are small, usually 15-20 students, which provides more time for personal thoughts and discussion. The instructors and professors provide every opportunity for success; when not teaching a class or in a meeting, they're available for extra instruction, and many provide their personal phone numbers and e-mails for after-hours questions.

For a comprehensive list of academic majors, visit academyadmissions.com.

LEADERSHIP

The Academy's cadet wing is structured similar to an operational Air Force wing which provides a prime leadership setting. The cadet wing is comprised of four groups, each containing 10 squadrons. Each squadron houses about 100 cadets.

Every semester, you will hold a different leadership position similar to Air Force leadership positions like element leader, flight commander, squadron commander, first sergeant, etc. Each Academy class has a different level of responsibility that is tailored to slowly build one's leadership skills.

The Air Force Academy forms the leadership foundation which you will carry into and continue to build on in the operational Air Force as a commissioned officer.

ATHLETICS

The Academy's extensive athletic program includes intercollegiate and intramural sports, physical education courses and physical fitness tests. These programs help prepare you for Air Force leadership by building confidence, emotional control, physical courage and the ability to perform under pressure.

Each cadet must participate in an intercollegiate or intramural sport each semester. The Academy has 10 women's and 17 men's NCAA teams that compete at the highest level, Division I.

Maintaining physical fitness is important to not only pass the fitness tests, but the program promotes maximum fitness among the cadet wing, develops a foundation for a lifetime of fitness, and recognizes cadets who excel in personal fitness.

ACADEMY BREAKDOWN

- Basic Cadet Training (BCT): 38 days
- Duration: 4 years
- About 4,000 cadets (about 1,000 per class year)
- 40 squadrons (1–40)
- About 100 cadets per squadron
- 32 academic majors
- 2 minors
- 27 intercollegiate sports
- No tuition charges
- Room, meals, medical and dental care provided
- Monthly cash allowance provided
- Graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree and an Air Force commission

PREP SCHOOL BREAKDOWN

- Basic Military Training (BMT): 18 days
- Duration: 10 months
- About 240 students
- 3 squadrons (A, B and C)
- About 80 cadet candidates per squadron
- English, science and math prep courses
- 8 sports teams
- Room, meals, medical and dental care provided
- Monthly salary equal to military rank held when admitted
- Graduate from the Prep School and are competitive for the Academy



PRIOR SERVICE AIRMEN PROFILES



Cadet Candidate Lisa Halbach

USAFA Preparatory School
Previous Base: F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
Previous Career Field: Services



"We all had to work hard to get here. Whether students are here as recruited athletes, here for their education or here primarily because they believe they will be exceptional officers, we all bring to the table different leadership skills and experiences that may be just what helps the person next to us."

C4C Adetunji Fisayo

U.S. Air Force Academy
Previous Base: Lackland AFB, Texas
Previous Career Field: Surgical Service



"The current enlisted Airmen who are contemplating attending the Academy should know that they are not alone! I didn't realize how many prior enlisted Academy graduates there are in the Air Force until I came here. Many enlisted members made the decision to apply, and if they could do it, so can you!"

C3C Miguel Millares Chavez

U.S. Air Force Academy
Previous Base: McChord AFB, Wash.
Previous Career Field: Services



"Becoming a part of the "Long Blue Line" is a life-changing decision that will open opportunities you never thought possible. Here you will be provided tools to become a successful officer and a successful person ready to face the uncertainties of tomorrow. The Academy will challenge you in many ways and will teach you a lot about yourself while at the same time preparing you to lead the world's greatest air and space force."

2nd Lt. Jonathan Yates

Laughlin AFB, Texas
Previous Base: Hill AFB, Utah
Previous Career Field: Aerospace Maintenance
Current Career Field: Pilot



"I joined the Air Force to get an education and chase my dream of flying. I became a crew chief just to be around aircraft. The Academy was one of the greatest challenges I ever faced, but the benefits now far outweigh the challenges; and now I'm training for the job I've always dreamed of having."



UNIQUE ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES



JUMP PROGRAM: Interested cadets complete five jumps dropping from 4,500 feet while administering proper procedures, from employing the parachute to proper landing techniques.

SOARING PROGRAM: Interested cadets complete basic soaring training which includes instruction in the TG-10B glider, and after approximately 10 flights, cadets may be qualified to fly solo. A semester-long upgrade course and two advanced programs are also available.

POWERED FLIGHT PROGRAM: This aviation program is designed to allow cadets to integrate what they have learned in their previous academic and airmanship programs. Each airmanship program (jump, soaring and powered flight) hosts competition teams that compete nationally and sometimes internationally.

COMBAT SURVIVAL TRAINING (CST): Every cadet completes CST the summer before sophomore year. The training consists of the physical and psychological stresses of survival and hands-on training with survival techniques and equipment. Cadets then transition to the mountains where they practice shelter construction, food procurement

and preparation, day and night land navigation techniques, evasion travel and camouflage techniques, ground-to-air signals and aircraft vectoring procedures.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT (GE): Going through GE as a third-class cadet, you will be taught skills in tent setup, contingency utilities, passive defense, force protection, security force movement, mortuary affairs and contingency food service. You will receive hands-on experience in a simulated Air Expeditionary Force deployment, employment and redeployment.

CADET CLUBS: The Academy offers more than 80 active cadet clubs to develop talents and satisfy hobbies. Not only do the clubs gratify one's interests, but they also foster friendships and personal and character development. For a comprehensive list of clubs, visit academyadmissions.com.

CADET SEMESTER EXCHANGE ABROAD PROGRAM: Each academic year, interested Academy cadets have the opportunity to attend international military academies in Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Japan or Spain for an entire semester.



CADET SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM: Interested and selected cadets studying Arabic, Chinese, Russian or Spanish may experience a semester-long study abroad program at foreign civilian universities. Current programs exist at Nanjing University in China, Voronezh State University in Russia, Seinan Gakuin Daigaku in Japan and Mexico National Technical University.

CADET SUMMER LANGUAGE IMMERSION: Each summer, more than 300 cadets participate in four- or six-week language immersion programs. Partner countries include: Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Russia and Spain.

FOREIGN ACADEMY VISITS: These trips normally last seven to 10 days and provide cultural immersion and familiarization with foreign militaries.

OLMSTED LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION: During spring break and summer periods, cadets may attend one of several two- to three-week trips to Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Russia, giving cadets the direct experience of other cultures and languages.





ABOUT THE AREA

After earning off-base passes, you may also explore nearby attractions in Colorado. As a fourth-class cadet, freedoms and liberties are granted minimally, but as each year progresses, you will gain more freedom to enjoy what the local area and Colorado have to offer. The Academy's location just north of Colorado Springs makes camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, skiing, snowboarding and white-water rafting highly accessible. The immediate area hosts numerous types of restaurants, the newest movies in theaters, plenty of malls for the latest fashions and a downtown area with many quaint establishments. Denver, the mile-high capital city, is a nearby 55 miles and holds uncountable discoveries. In addition to Thanksgiving, winter and spring break leave, most cadets are granted three weeks of leave each summer.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

You may choose from a variety of officer career fields, and career selections are made near the end of your second-class (junior) year. Medically qualified and selected graduates may enter pilot or navigator training. All Academy graduates, except pilots and navigators, serve a five-year commitment on active duty. Pilots and navigators serve a longer commitment, which is determined by the needs of the Air Force upon graduation. If desired, you have the opportunity for a 20- to 30-year Air Force career.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- Be at least 17 but not older than 23 on July 1 of the year you enter the Academy
- Not be older than 22 on July 1 of the year you enter the Prep School
- Be an unmarried citizen of the United States with no dependents
- Be of good moral character
- Have a well-rounded background

Applicants must also:

- Take the SAT and/or ACT and achieve qualifying scores (you may take the tests more than once)
- Pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Pass a medical exam administered by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB).

The current mid-50% SAT and ACT scores are:

	SAT		ACT
Verbal	600–680	English	27–31
Math	630–690	Reading	28–32
		Math	28–31
		Science Reasoning	27–31

The CFA helps evaluate physical strength and endurance. It begins with a basketball throw, followed by pull-ups, a shuttle run, sit-ups, push-ups and a one-mile run. A two-minute rest period is given between events.

	MEN AVERAGE SCORE	WOMEN AVERAGE SCORE
Basketball Throw	69 ft.	41 ft.
Cadence Pull-Ups	11	3
Shuttle Run	8.8 seconds	9.7 seconds
Modified Sit-Ups	80	79
Push-Ups	60	40
One-Mile Run	6:40 minutes	7:44 minutes

APPLICATION EVALUATION FACTORS:

- Air Force Form 1786
- SAT/ACT scores
- High school, preparatory school or college transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation

- CFA score
- DODMERB medical exam
- Active duty accomplishments
- History of leadership in extracurricular activities

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application process is very lengthy and thorough, so begin the process as early as possible.

If interested in applying to the Academy, there are several routes you can take to get started:

- You can begin by speaking with your base education office.
- You can call the Academy Admissions Office at 1-800-443-9266.
- The Prior Enlisted Cadet Assembly, or PECA, is a club formed by prior enlisted cadets who will help young enlisted applicants through the application process and provide mentorship and guidance. To reach a prior enlisted cadet, please visit www.usafapeco.com.
- To compete for either school, you must complete and follow all instructions on the Air Force Form 1786, which can be found via academyadmissions.com. Submit the form through your unit commander and Military Personnel Flight, and then forward it to:

Director of Admissions

HQ USAFA/RR

2304 Cadet Drive Suite 2400

USAF Academy CO 80840-5025

The form must arrive no later than January 31 for the class entering the following June.

Airmen not accepted for direct entrance into the Academy are automatically considered for the Prep School.





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