



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION FIRST COMMAND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AIR FORCE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

About this Scholarship

On March 4, 2008, the Air Force Association and the First Command Educational Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing this scholarship to assist members of the Air Force family. The MOU commits the Air Force Association and the First Command Educational Foundation to provide five scholarships a year through 2011.

The Air Force Association (AFA) is a 501(c)(3) organization that educates the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation, advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense, and supports the United States Air Force, the Air Force family and aerospace education. AFA has more than 200 chapters nationally and internationally representing more than 119,000 members.

The mission of First Command Educational Foundation (FCEF) is to promote education as the foundation to a productive society through scholarships and financial literacy programs dedicated to financial wellness and independence. More information on FCEF may be viewed at <http://www.firstcommand.org/fcef/>.

The AFA-FCEF Air Force Excellence Scholarship provides five scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 to each recipient during each year of the MOU. Recipients must be members of the Air Force family who are seeking a Bachelor's or Master's degree in the area of science, technology, engineering or math.

Conditions of Eligibility

U. S. Air Force service members (including active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard), their spouse and dependent children (under the age of 23), may apply for the AFA-FCEF Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Eligible applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and must submit a copy of their sponsor's current military ID card with this application.

Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll either full time or part time in the Fall of 2010 in an undergraduate or graduate program of studies leading to an Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degree at an accredited college or university.

The awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religious belief, national origin, rank or length of service of the sponsor.

Program Administration

The program is administered by the Air Force Association. AFA is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients and its decisions are final.

Five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$3000 each will be awarded. The First Command Educational Foundation will coordinate with the winners to assign the scholarship award to their selected school. Payment will be made directly to the school by the First Command Educational Foundation.

Complete applications must be received no later than April 30, 2010. This is a receipt date, not a postmark date.

A complete application consists of:

- The two page application (beginning on the next page), typed or printed in black ink
- If you are a dependent, a copy of your sponsor's military ID card (your sponsor is your military parent or guardian)
- A photo of the applicant. Preferably a head shot
- Three essays, typed, double spaced, not to exceed 500 words each and must have your name in the upper right hand corner of each page. Each essay answers one of these questions:
 - o How does the Air Force Association support the United States Air Force?
 - o How will your choice of major/career support the mission of the United States Air Force?
 - o Last year we inaugurated a new President. If you had the opportunity to speak with the President, what one issue affecting military families would you bring to his attention?

Send your completed application to:

Lynette Cross
Manager, National Aerospace Awards
Air Force Association
1501 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22209-1198
Phone: 703-247-5800 Ext. 4807
Fax: 703-247-5853
lcross@afa.org

If you are selected as a recipient, your photo or your words may be used by the AFA or FCEF in publications.

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2010 Scholarship Application**

Applicant Data (you must print or type)

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Last 4 numbers of SSN# _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Sponsor's Name and Rank _____

Last 4 numbers of Sponsor's SSN# _____

Student/Sponsor Certification

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual, and the sponsor (as well as the applicant) possesses a valid DD Form 2 or DD Form 1173 United States Uniformed Services Identification Card and is enrolled in DEERS. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, any and all information submitted with this application (including photo) may be used for purposes of news and publicity for the Air Force Association and First Command Educational Foundation and all current and future promotions of this program.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of the Sponsor _____

(The sponsor's spouse or guardian may sign if the sponsor is deployed.)

Applicant High School Data

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 basis) _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ Tel # _____

Principal's Name _____ Date of Graduation _____

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Applicant College Data

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 basis) _____

Please list the colleges/schools you attend or where you have applied.

Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

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Major _____ Graduation Date _____ Degree AA BA BS MA MS

Applicant Extracurricular and Community Activities during the Last Two Years.

(If more space is needed please duplicate this page - resumes or any other format will not be accepted.)

Activity/Awards/Offices Held	from mo/yr	to mo/yr
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant Work Experience, Full or Part-time during the Last Two Years.

Position	from mo/yr	to mo/yr
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Essay Questions: Write three essays that address the following questions. Each essay must be no more than 500 words, typewritten, double-spaced, and stapled to this application. Place your name in the upper right hand corner of each page of each essay.

- (1) How does the Air Force Association support the United States Air Force?
- (2) How will your choice of major/career support the mission of the United States Air Force?
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Do not fax or e-mail any portion of the application.
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