

2020 AFA Scholarship Winners

Col Aaron Burgstein Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship program was established to aid minor dependents of (officer or enlisted) Active Duty, veteran, or retired service members; Reservists; or National Guard members of all branches, pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university.

Brandon Michaelis

- Father is retired AF O-5
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Financial Management at Abeline Christian University

Capt Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship provides \$1,000 in financial assistance and recognition to an Active Duty, full-time Guard, or Reserve (officer or enlisted) Airman pursuing a master's degree in a non-technical field.

Alexis Gerst

- Active Duty O-1, AFMC
- Pursuing an MBA at Southern New Hampshire University

Jeremy Koch

- Active Duty O-2, AETC
- Pursuing and MA in History at Norwich University

Mike and Gail Donley Spouse Scholarships

This program awards \$2,500 scholarships annually to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue higher education.

Megan Samayoa

- Spouse is Active Duty O-1, AFSPC
- Pursuing a JD at Harvard Law School

Timothy Higginson

- Spouse is Active Duty O-4, AFMC
- Pursuing a BS in Nursing at Kettering College

Priya Sheth

- Spouse is DAF Civilian, AFMC
- Pursuing a BS in Management (Accounting) at University of Massachusetts, Boston

Samantha Nicks

- Spouse is Active Duty E-5, AFGSC
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Professional Accountancy at Black Hills State University

Corielle Putnam

- Spouse is Active Duty O-4, AFMC
- Pursuing a doctorate in Clinical Psychology at California Southern University

Laralin Worsham

- Spouse is Active Duty O-1, AETC
- Pursuing a Master of Counseling Psychology at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Lt Col Romeo and Bass Ferretti Scholarship

This scholarship awards \$5,000 to minor dependents of Air Force Active Duty, Reserve, or Air National Guard enlisted Airmen pursuing an undergraduate STEM degree.

Anna Harris

- Father is ANG E-8
- Pursing a bachelor's degree in Nursing at Auburn University

Col Loren J. and Mrs. Lawona R. Spencer Scholarship

This scholarship provides \$5,000 for Air Force personnel (officer or enlisted, Air Force civilian, full-time National Guard and full-time Reserve) to pursue graduate level education in management and administration fields in preparation for senior level leadership roles.

Michael Pasley

- Active Duty E-8, USAFE
- Pursuing a master's degree in Strategic Leadership at the University of Charleston, West Virginia

Todd Wirsch

- Active Duty O-3, AFGSC
- Pursuing an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School

Chris Pritchett

- Reserve O-3, AFRC
- Pursuing an MBA in Entrepreneurship and MS in Human Resource Management at the University of Colorado, Denver

John C. and Blanche Lee Lindsay Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship provides one \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a child of members of the United States Air Force who are pursuing a college degree.

Ryan Sims

- Father is retired AF O-4
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at Colorado School of Mines

Dr. Sydell Perlmutter Gold Memorial Scholarship

This \$20,000 scholarship is awarded to daughters of U.S. Air Force members pursuing a bachelor's degree in a STEM field.

Shanti Mickens

- Father is AF Veteran, E-4
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering at MIT

Delta Dental Grants

Funded by a grant from Delta Dental, this program provides scholarships and grants to military spouses, military dependents, and transitioning service members for the advancement of oral health and wellness.

Deborah Kim

- Transitioning service member, AF
- Pursuing a DDS in Prosthodontics at Arizona State University

Charize Balignasay

- AF dependent
- Pursuing a BS in Nursing at the University of Hawaii, Manoa

Boden Albright

- AF dependent
- Pursuing a BS in Biology (Pre-Dental) towards a DDS at the University of Washington, Seattle Campus

Caroline Davis

- AF dependent
- Pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy at Butler University

Sara Rachon

- AF dependent
- Pursuing BS in Biology (Pre-Dentistry) at Utica College

Trident University Full Scholarship

Trident University offers three full-ride scholarships to current AFA members. The scholarship can be applied towards bachelor's and master's programs at Trident University and is available to both current and prospective students.

Amanda Molina

- AF Civilian, San Antonio, TX
- Will pursue a master's degree in Aviation Education

Mollie Eason

- ANG O-1, Kingston, TN
- Will pursue a master's degree in IT Management

Pentagon Federal Credit Union Pilot Training Scholarships

Sponsored by Pentagon Federal Credit Union, this scholarship is available to AFA members to pursue pilot training towards a private pilot's license. The award will be for a maximum of \$10,000 and applicable to aircraft rental and instructor fees at a training facility of the recipient's choice.

Dominic Ramire

- AFROTC Cadet, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Michigan
- Will train in Ann Arbor, MI

Etchu Tambe

- E-3, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Aeronautics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University

- Will train in Medford, NJ

Jennifer Strong

- AFROTC Cadet, pursuing a degree in Computer Science at Mesa Community College
- Will train in Chandler, AZ

Destin Flight Works Pilot Training Scholarship

Funded by Vertol, this program offers one AFA member per year a scholarship to attend pilot training courses leading to a private pilot's license at the Destin Flight Works school located in Destin, Florida. The amount will be limited to \$10,000 towards instructor training and aircraft rental.

Daniel Blair

- E-6, pursuing a BS in Aviation at Liberty University

Lt Gen George and Vicki Muellner Foundation Scholarship

This program assists cadets who are members of either the Arnold Air Society or Silver Wings. Two \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually.

Makayla Bacon

- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern Language and Literature at the University of Virginia

Peter Kosanovich

- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Yale University