



## AFA State Annual Activity Plan (AAP) (Updated: December, 2023)

### Introduction:

The Annual Activity Plan is a way for you to project and prepare for the activities that you wish to accomplish over the coming calendar year. State Organizations are required to complete an Annual Activity Plan and Financial Plan, submit Semi-Annual Activity and Financial Reports and update their Officer Rosters each year to remain in good standing and be eligible for any available support funding. Your AAP (approved by the Region President) is **due to Field Services by 31 December**, so let's get started.

### Preparation:

- 1) Before you even find and open up a new State AAP, you should look to pull in some information.
  - a) Pull up, or print a copy of your previous Annual Activity Plan from you organization's Field Leaders Portal. If you need assistance getting to it, the good folks at [field@afa.org](mailto:field@afa.org) can help.
  - b) Bring your Executive Committee together to discuss and develop a plan of events for the coming year.

### Note:

Sometimes events will fit across multiple areas. You are quite welcome to list an activity in more than one of the mission areas. For example, a school program where you talk about the Air Force and its mission, provide a scholarship to an Airman's dependent, and recognize a CyberPatriot Team, would easily fit in three of the mission areas.



## Mission Area Descriptions

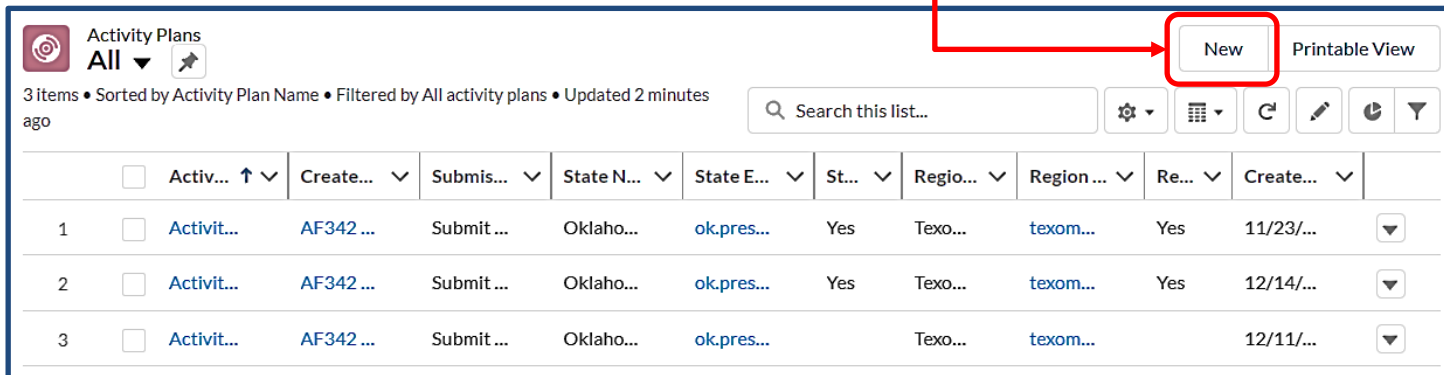
- c) The plans (and reports) are organized along four overarching mission areas: Education, Advocacy, Support, and Communication. Here is a brief summary of the types of activities envisioned in the four areas (Note: these are illustrative and not limiting):
- i) **Education:** This is primarily about the education of our youth: encouraging them to pursue STEM studies & assisting educators in the same endeavor; promoting/participating/supporting CyberPatriot and StellarXplorers; work with Civil Air Patrol (CAP), AFJROTC, AFROTC units (to include Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings).
  - ii) **Advocacy:** Obviously the first thing that comes to mind is associated with working with your legislators. This is important, but the “advocate” mission is also much more. It includes state and local leaders and even the community at large. Our goal is to promote a community understanding of, and support for, a strong air, space and cyber defense. Conducting forums and presentations help in promoting that understanding.
  - iii) **Support:** Our Airmen & Guardians (current and former Active, Guard, Reserve, and AF/SF Civilians) and their families are making (or have made) sacrifices. We owe it to them to provide what support we can. Recognition and award programs, Wounded Airman, and family support are examples of activities that could be captured in this area.
  - iv) **Communication:** We must communicate with our members to inform them of state organization activities, to invite or encourage them to participate and pass on other important AFA information. Newsletters, social media and social events are activities that fit in this area. We must also make an effort to reach out to new and prospective members.

2) With an idea of what you want to accomplish over the next year, you are now ready to head to your Field Leaders Portal and start your new State Annual Activity Plan.

a) On your Field Leaders Portal, select **Activity Plans**



b) And on the resultant page, select **New**.



### New Activity Plan

**Information**

Activity Plan Name Submission Status

Draft

Activity Plan Period \* Submitted by?

--None--

\* Chapter

Search Members / Prospects...

Chapter Email ⓘ

c) **IMPORTANT:** Once you have the plan open, take note that it is already in **Draft status.** Don't change this until you are ready to submit your plan for approval...we'll cover that later.

### New Activity Plan

Review the errors on this page.

These required fields must be completed: Submitted by?, Chapter

**Information**

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Draft

Activity Plan Period \* Submitted by?

--None--

\* Chapter

Search Members / Prospects...

Complete this field.

d) You'll also quickly notice that you cannot initially save the new Activity Plan until you have filled in two items.

- i. The name of the person submitting the Plan (usually the president or secretary)
- ii. The "Chapter" block (click on the box, and select your State Organization when it pops up).

By the way, every time you decide to **save** your document (which should be often) you will pop yourself out of the edit page, back to the actual Plan (below).

New Activity Plan

Information

Activity Plan Name

Submission Status  
Draft

Activity Plan Period  
--None--

Submitted by?  
Richard Baldwin

Chapter

Chapter

Cancel Save & New Save

Activity Plan # 202

Details Reports/Plans

Activity Plan Name Submission Status  
Activity Plan # 202 Draft

Activity Plan Period Submitted by?  
--None-- Richard Baldwin

Chapter

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[State of Oklahoma](#)

From here there are three ways to get back into the edit mode.

1. Tap the **"Edit"** button
2. Select any of the **edit pencils** to edit the document directly, or...
3. If you exit the document completely, you can return to the Field Leader Portal, select the **"Activity Plans"** button; find and select your **newly saved plan** and get back to editing.



Activity Plans

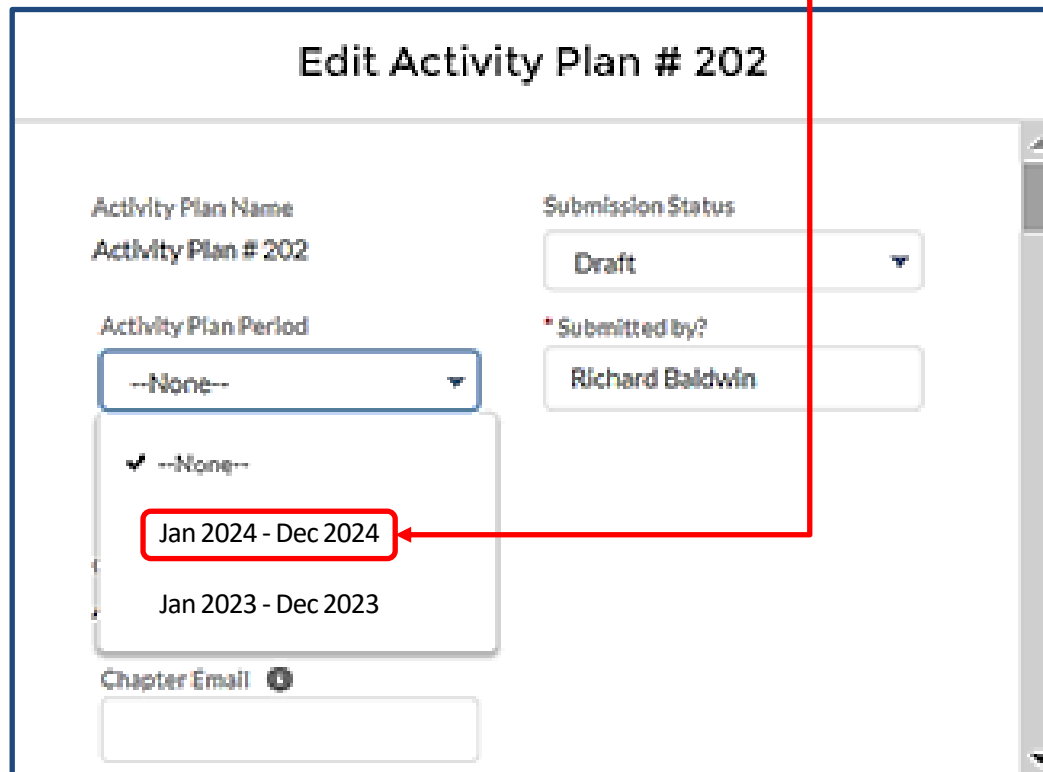
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1	State of Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Activity Plan # 202	Draft		State of Oklahoma

## Completing the Plan:

- 3) Now you can start filling in the plan.
  - a) After you've filled in the three earlier mentioned mandatory items, (submitter's name, state and region), select the appropriate **Activity Plan Period** from the pull-down menu.



The screenshot displays the 'Edit Activity Plan # 202' form. The form includes several fields: 'Activity Plan Name' (Activity Plan # 202), 'Submission Status' (Draft), 'Activity Plan Period' (dropdown menu), 'Submitted by?' (Richard Baldwin), and 'Chapter Email'. The 'Activity Plan Period' dropdown menu is open, showing three options: '--None--', 'Jan 2024 - Dec 2024', and 'Jan 2023 - Dec 2023'. A red box highlights the 'Jan 2024 - Dec 2024' option, and a red arrow points from the text 'Activity Plan Period' in the instructions above to this option.

Field	Value
Activity Plan Name	Activity Plan # 202
Submission Status	Draft
Activity Plan Period	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024
Submitted by?	Richard Baldwin
Chapter Email	

- b) **Education** – This section has four sub-areas; use the **notes** below to aid in filling them out.
- i) AE1 – General Aerospace Education (AE) or STEM Programs, **other than CyberPatriot, StellarXplorers, or Teacher of the Year.**
  - ii) AE2 – National Youth Cyber Education Program (CyberPatriot and related programs)
  - iii) AE3 – StellarXplorers
  - iv) AE4 - Teacher of the Year

**Notes:**

Use the **pull down menu** to enter the number of activities in each of the areas.

Provide a basic description of each activity planned in the **remarks section.**

Keep it simple. Use just enough detail (roughly when, what and maybe where) to let those reading know your intentions.

Spacing between events isn't mandatory, but makes for easier reading.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Edit Activity Plan # 202". The "Education" section is highlighted. It contains two pull-down menus: "AE1 Planned AE and STEM" with the value "16" selected, and "AE3 Planned: STLX" with "--None--" selected. Below these are two text areas for remarks: "AE1: Remarks: AE and STEM" and "AE3 Remarks StellarXplorers". The AE1 remarks area contains the following text: "Monthly: AEVP meets with a District Education Department to promote AFA Education programs", "May: Team with State AFSA in sponsoring and supporting Annual State SETM Fair.", and "Jul: Award State-Level JROTC, ROTC and CAP Cadet of the Year during State Convention". At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save & New", and "Save".

- c) **Advocacy** – Similarly, complete sections that apply to your state organization under the Advocacy area.
- i) AD1 – Working with national, state, and local legislative/community leadership and Staff
  - ii) AD2 – Recruiting local businesses (Community Partners)
  - iii) AD3 – Outreach programs to the community
  - iv) AD4 – Advocate national defense and aerospace issues to all audiences

### Edit Activity Plan # 202

**Advocacy**

<p>AD1 Planned: National &amp; State ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▼</p> <p>AD1 Remarks: National/State Legislators ⓘ</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>AD3 Planned: Outreach ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▼</p> <p>AD3 Remarks: Outreach ⓘ</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>AD2 Planned: Community Partners ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▼</p> <p>Remarks: Recruits Local Business</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>AD4 Planned: ND &amp; Aerospace Issues ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▼</p> <p>AD4 Remarks: ND &amp; AE Issues ⓘ</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>

Cancel Save & New Save



- d) **Support** – Complete the applicable sections for your state organization.
- i) S1 – Support for Airmen (Active, Guard, and Reserve; includes Space Professionals)
  - ii) S2 – Support for families of deployed Airmen and Space Professionals
  - iii) S3 – Wounded Airman Program
  - iv) S4 – Scholarships and Grants for Airmen, Space Professionals and Families
  - v) S5 – Programs for Vets/Retirees
  - vi) S6 – Programs for Cadets (JROTC, CAP, ROTC)

### Support

S1 Planned: Airmen/Guardians ⓘ --None-- ▾	S4 Planned: AFA Scholarship & Grants ⓘ --None-- ▾
S1 Remarks: Airmen/Guardians ⓘ <input type="text"/>	S4 Remarks: AFA Scholarships & Grants ⓘ <input type="text"/>
S2 Planned: Families of Airmen/Guardians ⓘ --None-- ▾	S5 Planned: Veteran & Retiree Programs --None-- ▾
S2 Remarks: Families of Airmen/Guardians ⓘ <input type="text"/>	S5 Remarks: Veteran & Retiree Programs ⓘ <input type="text"/>
S3 Planned: Wounded Airmen ⓘ --None-- ▾	S6 Planned: Supports Cadets ⓘ --None-- ▾
S3 Remarks: Wounded Airmen Program ⓘ <input type="text"/>	S6 Remarks: Supports Cadets ⓘ <input type="text"/>

- e) **Communications** – Complete the applicable sections for your state organization.
- i) C1 - activities to facilitate communication with members and prospective members
  - ii) C2 - membership activities
  - iii) C3 - completion of the IRS Form 990
  - iv) C4 - conduct of Executive Committee/Leadership meetings (face-to-face or virtual)
  - v) C5 - State sends Delegate(s) to annual National Convention (does not apply to first half semi-annual report)

### Communications

<p>C1 Planned: Communicates with Members ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▾</p> <p>Remarks: Communicates with Members ⓘ</p> <p></p>	<p>C2 Planned: Support Membership Activities</p> <p>--None-- ▾</p> <p>Remarks: Support Membership Activities</p> <p></p>
<p>C4 Planned: Chapter Meetings ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▾</p> <p>C4 Remarks: Chapter Meetings ⓘ</p> <p></p>	<p>C3 Planned: IRS Form 990 ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▾</p> <p>C3 Remarks: IRS 990 Form ⓘ</p> <p></p>
<p>C5 Planned: Convention Delegates ⓘ</p> <p>--None-- ▾</p> <p>C5 Remarks: Convention Delegates ⓘ</p> <p></p>	

- f) **Additional Comments** – There are times when you may want to add additional information or clarification. This section is where that can be accomplished.

**Edit Activity Plan # 202**

**Additional Comments**

State Comments

Approval Section

Region Approved

Region Non-Approval/Need More Info

Cancel Save & New Save

- g) The **Approval Section** at the end of the form is reserved for the Region-Level approval status and comments (we'll see more on this on the next page).

## Submitting the Plan:

- h) When your team has finished the plan, select **State-Submit for Approval** from the Submission Status pull-down menu, and then select **SAVE**.
- 4) Once you have your AAP submitted, your State President will give it a review.
- a) The Region President will either approve it with a **“Yes”**, or disapprove it with a **“No/Need more info”** (to send it back to you for corrections/clarifications as required). Any reason for non-approval should be clearly stated in the State or Region’s **“Non-Approval/Need More Info”** block.
- b) Once the Region President approves the plan, the process is complete.

**Edit Activity Plan # 202**

Activity Plan Name  
Activity Plan # 202

Activity Plan Period  
Jan 2024 – Dec 2024

Chapter

Chapter  
State of Oklahoma

Chapter Email ⓘ

Submission Status

--None--

Draft

Submit for Approval

Re-Submit for Approval

**State - Submit for Approval**

State - Re-Submit for Approval

Cancel Save & New **Save**

**Additional Comments**

Chapter Comments

Region Comments  
Region Approved  
No / Need more info  
State’s AFP does not reflect its AAP regarding JROTC Scholarships please make adjustments and re-submit.

Cancel Save & New **Save**

## Edit Activity Plan # 202

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Activity Plan Period  
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State of Oklahoma

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Submission Status

--None--

Draft

Submit for Approval

Re-Submit for Approval

State - Submit for Approval

**State - Re-Submit for Approval**

Cancel    Save & New    **Save**

c) If the Region requires you to make a correction(s), use the **State - Re-Submit for Approval** selection in the Submission Status pull-down menu after you've made the updates. Again, don't forget to **save!**

d) **Be pro-active**...the Region president has a large number of plans to review. As the 31 December AAP submission deadline approaches, a friendly phone call, text or email to your Region President may be helpful if the **Region approved block** doesn't say "Yes".

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# State/Region-Level Approval Process For Chapter Plans

8) Here is the procedure to review chapter plans when they come to you:

- a) From your Field Leaders Portal, Select **Activity Plans**.
- b) Select the **Activity Plan of the Chapter you want to review.**



- c) When the plan comes up, give it a thorough review, top to bottom.
- d) When you're ready to approve the plan, or send it back for one reason or another, select the State (or Region) Approval **Edit Pencil**.

- e) Then, open the **pull-down menu** and select what you want to do. Be sure to include appropriate remarks in the "State (or Region) Comments" box if sending it back. **Note: Text put in the State (or Region) "Non-Approval/ Need more info" comment box does not currently save!**

- f) Don't forget to hit the **"Save" button**.
- g) Now you can move on to the next plan.

**NOTE:**

If at any time you have trouble regarding the new AAP process, or have any questions regarding this instruction, contact AFA Field Services at [field@afa.org](mailto:field@afa.org).



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