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 Higgerson
- 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, AE
· 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
· Pursuing 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 Balignasa
· 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