

Aerospace Education Fellowships

What is a Fellowship?

It is a tangible way to HONOR an individual or organization for:

- Contributions to AFA mission and programs
- Contributions/initiatives in Aerospace Education/STEM
- Special professional or AFA achievement
- Special event relating to AE/STEM and/or AFA mission/programs

It is a tangible way to financially support AFA Education/STEM programs that generates positive external-to-AFA recognition for AFA at local, state, and national levels. It can be given at any time of the year.

What are the levels of Fellowships and how do they “translate” into real program support?

(Note: the following are EXAMPLES of program support)

\$5,000 - Gen Jimmy Doolittle Fellowship

- 8 Pitsenbarger Awards for Enlisted Graduates of CCAF
- National Teacher of the Year fully or the 2nd and 3rd place winners fully
- 7 Educator Grants
- 14 Civil Air Patrol Grants
- 14 Jr. AFROTC Grants
- 1 Spouse Scholarship

\$2,500 - Gen of the Air Forces H.H. Arnold Fellowship

- 4 Pitsenbarger Awards
- 3 State Teacher of the Year Awards
- 3 Educator Grants
- 6 Civil Air Patrol Grants
- 6 Jr. AFROTC Grants

\$1,500 - CMSgt of the Air Force Paul Airey Fellowship

- 2 Pitsenbarger Awards
- 3 Chapter Teacher of the Year Awards
- 1 Educator Grant

\$1,000 - Gen Bernard A. Schriever Fellowship

- 1 Pitsenbarger Award
- 1 Educator Grant
- 2 Civil Air Patrol Grants
- 2 Jr. AFROTC Grants

\$500 - Gen Ira Eaker Historical Fellowship

- 1 Civil Air Patrol Grant
- 1 Jr AFROTC Grant

\$250 - Fellow of the Association

- Contribute to general AFA STEM programs

\$100 - Presentation Fellowship

- Contribute to general AFA STEM programs

What is the actual, physical award?

The awards consist of the following: For Fellowships \$1,000 to \$5,000 – a plaque engraved with the name of the award and the Recipient’s name; for the \$500 Fellowship – a mounted certificate; for \$250 Fellowship – a certificate with holder; and for \$100 a certificate. In addition, Fellowships include a statement providing the significance of Fellowship name and its relationship to AFA and the Air Force.

How can a Fellowship be funded?

There are several ways to fund a Fellowship:

1. Individual or unit purchase from personal or unit funds. An AFA member or member's relative or an AFA unit (chapter, state, region, national committee, BOD, etc.) can simply purchase a fellowship to honor an individual or organization.
2. An AFA unit can ask for volunteer contributions with a specified goal.
3. An AFA unit can set up a member recognition program within its unit and fund it via a "GoFundMe" model with its target audience and establish various thresholds or goals and when those are reached a Fellowship can be generated.

What are examples of potential recipients?

Internal AFA: Outgoing chapter/state/region/national officers; Community Partners; Outgoing National Board, Committee Chairs; Committee member recognition for special event or sustained excellence; Outstanding chapter/state/region member; Outstanding Chapter or State unit (for the year or for a special event)

External AFA: Teacher of the Year (any level); school principal; city/county/state official; Congressional/Senatorial representative or local staff

Event Presentation: Speaker

Military Unit: Civil Air Patrol; AFJROTC; AFROTC; Base Unit or Officer, Enlisted, Civilian individual being honored by the military unit

Why a Fellowship is a value-added initiative?

Fellowships provide internal AFA national recognition for the individual or unit through AFA media and external recognition for AFA AND THE RECIPIENT when presented at:

- School Board
- Town/City meeting/event
- Local military event or meeting (including other Veteran organizations)
- Local military base event or Commander's Call type of meeting
- State legislative offices or event
- Event featuring a Member of Congress (or their Staff)

The money stays in AFA Aerospace Education Programs. There are no tax or gift ramifications to the recipient, however an individual donor can take a tax deduction for the contribution to AFA as a 501c3 non-profit.

Examples of how to stimulate young professional and field participation

AFA Chapters, AFROTC units (including AAS/SW), CAP Units, etc. can develop an awards/recognition program as "Congratulations on an Achievement", "Community Service Recognition", "Thank You" using the "GoFundMe" type model where unit funds are not available. These can be given ANYTIME!

Visit www.afa.org/education to learn about Fellowships and the Aerospace Education programs they support.

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