



AHFA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



The following FAQ guide serves as a comprehensive list to answer any student/parent questions in regard to applications and attendance for Aim High Flight Academy (AHFA) Summer 2025. If your questions are not answered in this document below, please reach out the AHFA program email specified below: AFRS.AHFA.StudentApplications@us.af.mil

Q. What is the age requirement to apply for AIM HIGH Flight Academy (AHFA)?

- A. High school students aged 16-18 years old. Students must be at least 16 years old by June 1st in the year of the desired AIM HIGH Flight Academy. High school students are required to obtain and submit their Parent/Legal Guardian verifiable written approval to participate.

Q. Do I need prior flight experience to apply?

- A. Not at all! We encourage students with absolutely no flight experience to apply. This scholarship program provides students with no background in flying the opportunity to explore aviation and discover if it's something they want to pursue. This is an introductory flight training program that is not designed for applicants that have greater than 5 FAA logged powered flight hours.

Q. Is there a minimum or maximum prior flight hour requirement?

- A. No, there is no minimum required amount of flight hours to attend the program. However, the **maximum** number of FAA Logged powered flight hours at the time of application is 5 (as recorded in logbook). If you have more than 5 logged hours, you are ineligible to apply for the program. If you don't know what a logbook is, you most likely do not have any flight hours.

Q. What is the cost for the program?

- A. None. This scholarship program is entirely paid for by the USAF. However, the FAA Class III and travel luggage must be paid for by the selected student and is not refundable.

Q. Is there a cost for travel, meals and lodging?

- A. No. All accommodations are entirely paid for by the USAF. If selected, the USAF pays for travel from home residence to / from the assigned university. Luggage will be paid for by the select. Luggage is not reimbursed.

Q. Where is the AHFA located?

- A. AHFA partners with University Aviation Departments at various college universities throughout the United States. For a complete list, check out the AHFA homepage.



Q. How long is the AHFA?

- *A. AHFA programs typically are 18-21 days in length running from the end of May until the beginning of August. It is important for you to be flexible, please expect your child to commit to a full 3-week program during the course of the summer.*

Q. What is the AHFA Selection Process?

- *A. The U.S. Air Force Detachment 1 Team holds a standard Air Force application record review and selection board process to evaluate each application on its own merit, utilizing the whole-person concept. This includes an activity sheet (demonstrating extracurricular activities), a nominator's comments (like a job reference), a short essay, and a creative graphic.*

Q. Who can nominate me?

- *A. Any adult who knows you and can speak to your character, leadership, and abilities to complete a rigorous flight training program can act as a nominator. Examples include a sports coach, teacher, or any leader of an organization you are involved in. This should be thought of as a job reference. Think; someone who knows you well and can speak to your attributes.*

Q. Can my parent/guardian/family member nominate me?

- *A. No. We know they think you're awesome, we need to hear it from someone else!*

Q. Is there a military commitment with this training?

- *A. No. While we hope you will join our team in the future, this program does not incur any military obligation or commitment.*

Q. Will the selected students be able to request university preferences?

- *A. Selected students are given the opportunity to express their preferred summer training dates and potential summer scheduling conflicts. University matching is completed after the students are selected and is based primarily on the availability of training slots. It is important to note, the USAF Aim High Flight Academy establishes the priority to fill all the available university seats while trying to match your preferences.*

Q. Can students drive themselves to the flight academy?

- *A. Students or Parents/Legal Guardians may decline air travel and choose to drive a personal vehicle to the university. A special request must be submitted in advance. Parents driving their selected student to the university session is a personal choice and is not reimbursable. Students will be asked to follow university policies which may include paying for university parking and specific student driving rules.*

Q. Can I apply if I'm not in AFJROTC or Civil Air Patrol?

- *A. Yes, no affiliation with the Air Force or even flying is needed to apply.*



Q. Who are my instructors, mentors, and chaperones?

- *A. University Aviation Program Certified Flight Instructors work with U.S. Air Force Total Force members to serve as instructors, mentors, and support staff throughout the program.*

Q. Am I able to attend religious services?

- *A. That depends. While you are at the AHFA, training is the priority and some universities train on the weekends and have 'off days' during the week. We will try to make accommodations, but this is not guaranteed.*

Q. When will I hear if I'm selected?

- *A. The application selection board convenes during November of the application cycle. Expect selection notification results to be released during late December/early January after your application cycle.*

Q. If selected, will I be able to submit my availability for the summer?

- *A. Yes. If selected students will submit an availability form for Summer 2025 and the AHFA team will try our best to match each student to their preferred dates. USAF AHFA fills seats based upon availability and preference may not always be honored.*