



## Frequently Asked Questions



### 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! In fact, 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.*

### Q. What is the cost for the program?

*A. None. This scholarship program is entirely paid for by the USAF.*

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

*A. No. All accommodations are entirely paid for by the USAF.*

### Q. Where is the AHFA located?

*A. AHFA partners with University Aviation Departments at various college universities throughout the United States.*

### 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.*

### 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 school counselor, sports coach, teacher, or any leader of an organization you are involved in. Note: 'Nominator' is not an option on the application; students should select 'Other' and type in the organization/school affiliation.*



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**Q. Is there a military commitment with this training?**

*A. No. 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 on primarily on the needs of the Air Force.*

**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. Reimbursement amount is limited to the cost of the applicable airfare (for example air travel to and from the students place of residence/home of record to the university training location). 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?**

*A. Yes.*

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

*A. No, there is no required amount of flight hours to attend the program. Students with preexisting flight hours may indicate on their application they would like to be considered for an 8-week Private Pilot Certificate Program. This program is run by AFJROTC, but Detachment 1 may sponsor non-AFJROTC cadets into the 8-week AFJROTC Flight Academy.*

**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.*



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Q. I'm interested in speaking to an Air Force aviation mentor, how do I do that?

A. Rise Above Aviator Mentorship (RAAM) Webinars are hosted periodically to allow students the opportunity to ask questions directly to U.S. Air Force aviator mentors. Students can use this Detachment 1 email to get notifications for upcoming RAAM dates: [Afrs.det1.inspire@us.af.mil](mailto:Afrs.det1.inspire@us.af.mil) or can see the events advertised on our Instagram at [www.instagram.com/usaf\\_inspire/](https://www.instagram.com/usaf_inspire/)