



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Air Force offers a variety of options for individuals to enter the Air Force at almost any education level. When they become members of our Total Force team, we provide officer and enlisted Airmen with unsurpassed education opportunities and invest time and resources to help them discover their potential, fuel their innovation and achieve their goals.

### OFFICER COMMISSIONING PATHS

We offer three paths to earn an officer commission:

#### AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is one of the most prestigious schools in the nation, not only in academia and athletics, but also in character and leadership development. While at the Academy, cadets receive pay and full benefits, cost-free tuition and room and board. Upon graduation, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force or Space Force and earn a Bachelor of Science degree. Learn more at [USAFA.EDU](http://USAFA.EDU) or 1-800-443-9266.

#### AIR FORCE ROTC

The Air Force ROTC combines traditional undergraduate college education with military instruction while preparing individuals to become officers. It's offered at more than 1,200 colleges and universities throughout the country and has scholarships that cover tuition, most textbooks and fees along with a monthly stipend. Learn more at [AFROTC.COM](http://AFROTC.COM) or 1-866-4AFROTC.

#### OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL

If an individual already has a bachelor's degree, the Officer Training School is the path to earn his or her commission. Located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, OTS is a highly competitive nine-and-a-half week course that transitions civilians into officers and prepares them for their leadership roles in the Air Force. Learn more at [AIRFORCE.COM](http://AIRFORCE.COM) or 1-800-423-USAF.



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## ENLISTED PROGRAMS

The Air Force provides exclusive programs for enlisted Airmen to continue their education, earn a college degree and advance in their careers either as enlisted members or as commissioned officers.

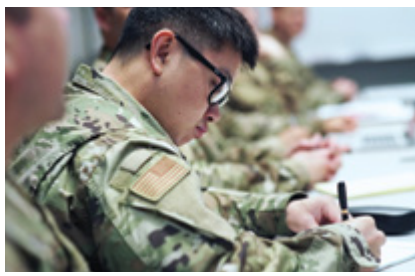
With the Air Force Tuition Assistance Program and the online Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) available every step of the way, Airmen can take full control of their education and map out the best path to achieve their goals.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

Enlisted members are automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). Airmen earn college credits for Basic Military Training, technical training, on-the-job training and upgrade training. Also, if they've already earned college credits prior to enlisting, CCAF will accept credits from other accredited schools on a course-by-course basis.

### ASSOCIATE-TO-BACCALAUREATE COOPERATIVE

The Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative program allows Airmen to apply their CCAF degree credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of colleges and universities. Using AFVEC, Airmen can enroll as juniors in one of over 200 degree programs.



## COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS

### OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL

Enlisted members who have completed a bachelor's degree and have the endorsement of their unit commander, can apply for OTS.

### AIR FORCE ROTC'S ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

This program offers highly qualified enlisted Airmen an opportunity to apply to the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, the Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC and the Professional Officer Course – Early Release Program.

### LEADERS ENCOURAGING AIRMAN DEVELOPMENT

Commanders may endorse highly qualified Airmen (17-22 years of age) for appointment to the Air Force Academy.

### SENIOR LEADER ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

Air Force senior leaders directly select enlisted Airmen for commissioning through OTS.

### INTER-SERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

Airmen with two to 14 years of service and who meet specific college credit and cumulative grade point requirements may be considered for this program.

### ENLISTED TO MEDICAL DEGREE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

Enlisted members can complete the preparatory coursework for admission to medical school while maintaining active-duty status.

### NURSE ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

Airmen remain on active duty and receive their regular pay while completing a bachelor's degree in nursing from a college or university that participates in Air Force ROTC.

## AIR FORCE BENEFITS

- 30 days of vacation with pay every year
- Worldwide travel
- Opportunities for advance education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Comprehensive medical care for you and your dependents
- Tax-free food, clothing and housing allowances
- Discounted shopping at base department and grocery stores
- Use of base recreational and sports facilities
- Affordable life insurance
- Generous retirement program with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

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