



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CIVIL PATH TO WINGS



DIGITAL EDITION



PILOT CANDIDATES

Civil Path to Wings (CPW) is an Air Force commissioning program that provides Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) qualified pilots an opportunity to be considered for potential selection to an accelerated Air Force pilot training course. In addition to the necessary FAA qualification requirements, candidates must volunteer to pursue a Mobility, Special Operations (fixed wing) or Reconnaissance pilot position after commissioning.

Candidates selected from a rated selection board take part in a competency validation, which includes a written and oral examination as well as a simulator evaluation. Upon final selection and completion of officer training school, candidates receive training appropriate to their skill level in an Air Force approved course.

ACCELERATED PILOT TRAINING

Exceptionally well qualified candidates are granted aviation proficiency credit, typically earned through undergraduate pilot training, and complete the Air Force specific requisites through a three-month Air Force Fundamentals course.

Well qualified candidates are placed in the Accelerated Path To Wings program, which is approximately eight months in length using the T-1A aircraft and simulator.

Upon successful completion of training, graduates are awarded U.S. Air Force rated pilot wings.



OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be commissioned before your 33rd birthday
- Have no more than eight years total federal commissioned service
- Be medically qualified
- Must possess a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5* (* except technical degrees)
- Meet Air Force Officer Qualification Test minimum scores: Verbal-15 / Quantitative-10 / Pilot-25

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

- 500 hours total flight time
- FAA commercial certificate and instrument, multi-engine rating
- 100 hours within the 12 months prior to validation
- Zero failed FAA knowledge tests
- Zero FAA procedural violations
- At least two letters of recommendation from a non-family member who can expound on the candidate's character, leadership qualities and flying ability
- A detailed explanation of all failed flight checks

AIRCRAFT OPTIONS

After you successfully complete Air Force pilot training, you will be eligible for assignment to the following major weapons systems.

RECONNAISSANCE

- E-3
- E-8
- EC-130H
- RC/OC/WC-135

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- AC-130J
- AC-130W
- C-146
- CV-22
- MC-12
- MC/HC-130H
- MC/HC-130J
- U-28

MOBILITY

- C-12
- C-130H
- C-130J
- C-17
- C-21
- C-5
- KC-10
- KC-135
- KC-46





CPW PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Tailored training based on your aviation background and demonstrated skill
- 3-8 months to Air Force wings
- Opportunity to serve as a commissioned officer and pilot

AIR FORCE BENEFITS

- 30 days of vacation with pay every year
- Worldwide travel
- Additional flight pay stipend
- Opportunities for advanced 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)

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Civil Path to Wings Program, contact an Officer Accessions (OA) Recruiter by calling 1-800-423-USAF or visit [AIRFORCE.COM](https://www.airforce.com) to find the nearest OA Recruiter.

MULTIPLE WAYS TO SERVE

You can choose one of several paths that allows you to serve your country either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our global Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today.

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