

AIR FORCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

If you're interested in higher education, the Air Force has a number of In-Service programs to help you reach your goals. The following is a summary of Educational Programs available in the Air Force.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE (CCAF)

The Community College of the Air Force is an avenue open for all enlisted members to advance their education by earning an Associate in Applied Science degree directly corresponding to their Air Force job. The college is regionally accredited and offers programs in five career areas.

The Community College of the Air Force enables enlisted members to earn a college degree while they are still in uniform. The CCAF, along with the U.S. Air Force Academy and other military academies, is a federally chartered, accredited degree granting institution. CCAF is the only institution in the armed services that awards an associate's degree to enlisted personnel. It is also the world's largest community college. Through CCAF, all airmen receive college credit for their technical training, which they can supplement by taking college courses while off duty. CCAF documents your training and education with an official transcript and affords you the opportunity to obtain an associate's degree.

The Community College of the Air Force's accreditation is reaffirmed by the Commission of College's of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. More than 150,000 personnel have earned a CCAF Associate in Applied Science degree.

ENLISTED ACADEMIC EDUCATION STATISTICS As of June 2018

AIRMAN TIER

82.20% have some college
3.956% have associate's degrees
1.960% have bachelor's degrees
0.096% have master's degree
0.005% have professional degrees

NCO TIER

47.63% have some college
41.443% have associate's degrees
9.651% have bachelor's degrees
1.078% have master's degree
0.010% have professional degrees

SENIOR NCO TIER

6.28% some college
51.279% have associate's degrees
31.625% have bachelor's degrees
10.709% have master's degrees
0.109% have professional degrees

TUITION ASSISTANCE

When Air Force members register for off-duty courses at an accredited college or university on or off base, the Air Force pays up to 100% of the tuition. The member pays only the cost of books and supplies.

COLLEGE CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

This testing program offers the opportunity to gain college credits by examination at NO COST to active duty personnel. Civilians and dependents are charged a fee. DANTES offers Subject Standardized Tests (DSSST), CLEP General, and CLEP Subject Exams. Individual's can earn 3-12 college credits for each exam successfully passed. A maximum of 30 semester hours of degree-applicable examination credit may be applied to satisfy degree requirements.

POST 9/11 G.I. BILL

You will automatically be enrolled in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill upon enlisting in the Air Force. There are no fees or payments required. The Post 9/11 G.I. Bill is currently estimated at \$86,000 or up to 3 years of full time college and is transferable to your spouse or children and may be broken up. Additionally, while attending school full time after the Air Force you will also be given rent money based on your zip code. This benefit is available for your use up to 15 years after date of discharge.

AIRMEN EDUCATION AND COMMISSIONING PROGRAM (AECPP)

The Air Force Airmen Education and Commissioning Program (AECPP) allows active duty airmen to complete baccalaureate degree work in a full-time course of study at civilian educational institutions (up to 36 months). Selected airmen remain on full-time active duty status and attend school through a permanent change of station (PCS). Airmen receive the pay of an E-5 and retain all active duty benefits while in this program. Following graduation, airmen attend a three-month Officer Training program to complete commissioning requirements. This program is highly competitive.

AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP & COMMISSIONING PROGRAM (ASCP)

The Airmen Scholarship & Commissioning Program (ASCP) offers active duty Air Force enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a commission while completing requirements for their first undergraduate degree as an Air Force ROTC Cadet. If selected, Air Force ROTC pays your tuition, books, and cadets receive \$150.00 monthly non-taxable allowance during the school year. (Total tuition & textbook allowance will vary depending on type of scholarship receive. See your Air Force Recruiter for details). Scholarships are available from 2-4 years in length to qualified candidates in technical, non-technical, and nursing. Pre-health, Biomedical Science Corps, and some foreign language scholarships for 2 & 3 years are also offered.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING AIRMEN (SOAR)

SOAR is a commander's program to select top-flight enlisted members for commissioning. SOAR offers active duty enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a commission while completing their bachelor's degree as an Air Force ROTC cadet. Those selected separate from the active-duty Air Force, join an Air Force ROTC Detachment, and become a full time college student. The Air Force provides them with tuition and fees scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year, an annual textbook allowance, and a monthly nontaxable stipend. This scholarship is awarded for 2 or 4 years depending upon how many years the individual has remaining in his or her degree program. The program is open to students in any major. Upon graduation and completion of the program, the individual is commissioned as a second lieutenant and returns to Active Duty.

BOOTSTRAP

If a member is within one year of completing a degree, they may apply to go on Permissive Temporary Duty (TDY) to complete the degree requirements. First-Term Airmen must be selected for re-enlistment before being eligible to apply for the BOOTSTRAP program.

WHEN TRYING TO FIND THAT GREAT JOB, HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER:

1. Will you give me **30 days** vacation time with full pay and benefits, beginning my first year?
2. Will you guarantee me a pay raise every year for the first four years and every other year thereafter?
3. Will you furnish my housing or give me extra money (**tax-free**) for rent?
4. Will you furnish my meals or give me extra money (**tax-free**) for food?
5. Will you hire me with no experience and train me at full pay & benefits?
6. Doctor bills are high. Will you provide me free medical care for me and no/low cost insurance for my family?
And while you're at it, how about free dental care for me?
8. Do I have chances to live and work almost anywhere in the free world?
9. If I need to relocate for my job, will your company pay for my moving expenses?
10. I'll need work clothes. Will your company provide these, plus give me extra money for their upkeep?
11. Does your company provide survivor benefits?
12. Will you provide a \$400,000 life insurance policy for about \$26.00 a month?
13. If I want to continue my education, will you pay 100% of my tuition?
14. Can you guarantee that I'll never be affected by strikes or layoffs?
15. Are your advancements good? Explain how I can get promoted while working for your company?
16. Do you allow unlimited sick leave with full pay?
17. If I need legal assistance, will your company provide it at no cost?
18. Does your company provide discounts on groceries, shopping, movie and airfares?
19. Does your company make available recreation facilities for use by employees?
20. If I get married, will you increase my pay?
21. Can I retire from your company after 20 yrs and receive a monthly income for the rest of my life?
22. Does your company provide a thrift savings plan (401K) to supplement my retirement income?
23. Last but not least, is the *training* your company provides *college accredited*?



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ONLY 4% OF THE AIR FORCE ARE
PILOTS, ASK ME WHAT THE OTHER
96% DO!

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AIR FORCE JOBS

Mechanical

Aerospace Propulsion
Special Vehicle Maint.
Pavements & Heavy Equip.
Tactical Aircraft Maint.
Aircraft Fuel Syst.
Aircraft Structural Maint.
Missile & Space Syst. Maint.
Structural / Construction Spec.
Aircraft Pneudraulic Syst.

Aerospace Ground Equip. Spec.
Aircraft Elect. & Environmental Syst.
Aircraft Armament Syst.
Heating/ Ventilation/ Refrigeration Spec.

General

MWR & Services Spec.
Security/Law Enforcement
Fire Protection Spec.
Pararescue
Combat Controller
Linguist
Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escape
Aircraft Loadmaster
Air Traffic Control Spec.
Material Storage/Distribution
Aircrew Life Support
Inventory Mgmt Analysis
Medical Technicians
Occupational Therapy
Intelligence Applications
Load Master

Electrical

Telephone & Data Circuitry Spec.
Avionics Guidance & Control Syst.
F-16/F-15/F-111 Avionics Syst.
B-2 Avionics Syst.
Electrician, Interior/Exterior
Bomb-Navigation Syst.
Biomedical Equip.
Precision Measurement Lab Spec.
Ground Radio Communication

Administration

Airfield Management
Postal Services
Traffic Management Spec.
Operations Resource Mgmt.
Financial Management
Personnel Spec
Radio Communication Syst.
Information Management
Printing Management Spec.

Contact me for a complete list!!

The Air Force has **over 150 career specialties** that are categorized into four areas. This list will give you an idea of some specialties and in what categories or "**Aptitude Indexes**" they are in. Each job may have **specific qualifications** other than just the **written test (ASVAB)**. Some jobs may require **prior experience or formal education**. Others may require perfect **color vision, depth perception and hearing**. A serious **law record** or prior **usage of drugs** may disqualify you for certain positions. Many jobs require **special testing and security clearances** that can only be completed while at Basic Training. Your Air Force Recruiter and Air Force MEPS personnel will assist you in choosing the best career path for your future.

This is listing does not necessarily represent positions currently available.

Do Not use this list as a "Dream Sheet"!

For more information on how to become part of the Air Force...

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MONTHLY BASIC PAY

Effective 1 January, 2020

ENLISTED MEMBERS

Pay Grade	Years of Service				
	Under 2	2	3	4	6
E-9	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-8	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-7	3114.30	3399.00	3529.50	3701.40	3836.10
E-6	2693.70	2964.30	3095.10	3222.30	3354.90
E-5	2467.50	2634.00	2761.20	2891.40	3094.50
E-4	2262.60	2378.40	2507.10	2634.60	2746.50
E-3	2042.70	2171.10	2302.80	0000.00	0000.00
E-2	1942.50	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-1	1733.10	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-1 Less than 4 months of service: 1602.30					
	8	10	12	14	20
E-9	0000.00	5472.90	5596.80	5753.40	6419.40
E-8	4480.20	4678.20	4800.90	4947.60	5540.10
E-7	4067.40	4197.90	4428.90	4621.50	4946.40
E-6	3653.10	3769.80	3994.80	4063.50	4172.10
E-5	3306.30	3408.90	3501.90	0000.00	0000.00
E-4	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-3	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-2	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00
E-1	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00	0000.00

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE:

*If you are on leave or authorized to mess separately, you'll receive \$372.71 per month

BASIC HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH):

*If authorized to reside off base, you'll receive up to \$4000 a month. Amount may increase based on marital status, rank, and local housing costs

In the Air Force, your pay increases in three different ways:

- Annual Cost of Living (Pay Raise the 1st of each calendar year)
- Promotion (Based on Individual merit & qualification requirements)
- Seniority (Based on total years of active service)

You'll also save money through other saving entitlements:

- Base Exchange and Commissary - Tax Free
- Medical and Dental Care - Free
- Low Cost Recreational Facilities
- Clothing Allowance
- Low Cost Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan (Dollar for Dollar matching 401K)
- Non-taxable Pay Entitlements (i.e. BAS/BAH)

COMPARE YOUR LIFE WITH YOURS

FEATURES:

AIR FORCE OFFERS:

Vacation - 30 Days per Year With Pay (based on 2.5 days per month) + Federal Holidays + Day passes

Sick Leave - Unlimited - Full Pay Continues

Medical Care - FREE for Active Member (Dependent care at significantly reduced costs)

Dental Care - FREE for Active Member (Dependent care at significantly reduced costs)

Vacation Travel - FREE in the U.S. and abroad if space is available on Military Aircraft - Discounts on Civilian Airlines

Social Life - Clubs, Swimming Pools, Bowling, Golf, Recreation Centers, Etc.

Education - Worldwide Campus, Up to 100% Tuition Assistance, Post 9/11 G.I. Bill \$86,000/3yrs Full Time + BAH

Retirement - Eligible after 20 years of service.

Shopping - Base Exchanges, Commissary - 20-30% Savings-Tax Free

Living Quarters - Housing - FREE, Housing Allowance & VHA (if authorized)

Uniforms - Initial Clothing Issue - FREE, Annual Clothing Allowance Provided

Security - Full Time Job, Pay Check Twice Monthly, No Lay Offs, Consistent Promotions, Opportunity to use all our Programs, Chance to Succeed with Your Dreams

Three Steps for Your Future:

- Reserve Your Job Specialty and Enlistment Time
- Graduate
- Begin Training for the Skill of a LIFETIME