

Air Force Recruiting Service (AFRS) Detachment 1 is currently advertising the AIM HIGH Flight Academy (AHFA). For those of you that are not familiar or need a refresher, AHFA is a flight training program for high school students and Air Force cadets aged 16-23 years old. It is hosted during the summer in Milton, Florida.

The application window deadline is December 10th, 2021.

Call out to educators, school counselors, parents, aunts, uncles, etc to share this free flight opportunity for kids from 16-23 years old to get 15 hours of FREE instruction in an airplane. Student lodging, travel, and food is all 100% paid for by the US Air Force during your summer session. The application window is now closing on December 10th, so make sure to get those applications submitted at [www.aimhighflightacademy.com](http://www.aimhighflightacademy.com). Application instructions and details about the flight academy are posted on the website. If you have any questions about the program, please email your questions to [AFRS.Det1.Flight@us.af.mil](mailto:AFRS.Det1.Flight@us.af.mil) or use the “Contact Us” function on the website. Make sure not to miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Summer 2022 AHFA Dates

- 28 May 2022 – 18 June 2022
- 25 June 2022 – 16 July 2022
- 23 July 2022 – 13 August 2022

Linked a YouTube video that our social media team put together last year, it includes an actual AIM HIGH student’s experience in the program from last year, if you’d like, you can share video alongside the post as well. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\\_25b5CsYMU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_25b5CsYMU)

**WHO MAY APPLY:** Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 23. Applicants must be a full-time student in High School, College, or an enlisted member of any service enrolled in school full time. Applicants must understand they are volunteering for a scholarship to a public flight school contracted by the United States Air Force. College applicants must be currently enrolled in AFROTC or the United States Air Force Academy to be qualified. There is no military service commitment or obligation, nor does program completion justify acceptance to military service. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by 1 June 2022 and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) to submit a package or be nominated.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Students must complete the application online at [aimhighflightacademy.com](http://aimhighflightacademy.com) and have parental/legal guardian signed approval (if under 18). Please follow the detailed application instructions on [aimhighflightacademy.com](http://aimhighflightacademy.com). Additionally, students must have an endorsement from their high school principal or counselor verifying they’re an enrolled student, their GPA, and are in good standing as well as an endorsement from a nominating organization. Lastly, applicants must have a “strong” interest in aviation and a “never-quit” attitude. Applicants must fill out basic applicant information on [aimhighflightacademy.com](http://aimhighflightacademy.com) and attach their signed nominations to their application entry. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**MY NOMINEE WAS SELECTED, NOW WHAT:** Selected high school students and alternates will be notified with additional instructions. These students must obtain a Federal

Aviation Administration (FAA) Student Pilot Certificate and an FAA Class III flight physical within the prescribed critical dates. A verified passing physical is required before the student is matched to a flight program. Students will be allowed to provide their preferred flight program dates, although needs of the program will dictate final matches. The AIM HIGH Flight Academy program will reimburse the selected students for the cost of the actual physical. Non-US citizens will have to apply for and pass a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) check to continue in the process.

**CURRICULUM:** AHFA is a robust 3-week flight academy structured to ensure students learn everything necessary to achieve up to 15 flight hours and potentially complete their first solo flight by the conclusion of the academy. To accomplish this, they include a rotation of 3 segments every day which include flight simulator time, academic classroom time (white board and lecture lesson style), and flight time. The students will be assigned into flights and be assigned a wingman within that flight, to study and fly with throughout their time during the program. When students aren't in structured flight time, the additional hours of the day will be filled with mentorship with their flight commanders and other staff, studying to prepare for the next day, character development, and supplemental "tips and tricks". Tips and tricks include chair flying, Emergency procedure practice, and how to conduct "stand ups" to name a few. (stand ups are the daily briefs conducted by aviators to inform members about daily weather, any NOTAMs, and can include an EP and other relevant information).

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