

AFROTC Gathering of Eagles Foundation Scholarship Program AY 18

1.0 Overview: The Gathering of Eagles (GOE) Foundation is a non-profit organization that honors men and women who have made enduring contributions to air, space and cyber operations. During the 2018 GOE week, GOE will honor 10 of these inspiring individuals (called “Eagles”) as part of the 2018 Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) Graduation Week at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. In addition, the GOE Foundation awards annual scholarship(s) to AFROTC cadets to support and encourage their completion of their education and their future careers as leaders in the Air Force.

2.0 Scholarships: The GOE Foundation will award two \$2,000 scholarships in 2018. The winner(s) will be invited to attend a portion of GOE week at Maxwell. This year’s events will occur during the week of Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 May 2018. The week’s events include attending an Eagle lecture series and at least two social events during which the winner(s) will interact with past, present, and future air and space power leaders. Transportation and meal costs will be covered for the award winner(s) only.

3.0 Eligibility: Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior AFROTC cadets with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and who are enrolled in any of **the seven Alabama AFROTC Detachments**.

4.0 Nomination Process: Applicants will write a 3-page essay on a *living* individual worthy of becoming an Eagle. The Eagle criteria are listed in paragraph 6.0. Nominations will be submitted by the detachment PAS, or respective functional administrative section, and are due to Gathering of Eagles (GOE) Foundation on Friday, 16 March, 2018. E-mail the AFROTC nominee’s essay and 1-page student biography to scholarships@goefoundation.org.

4.1 Format: 3-page (maximum) double-spaced essay with 1-inch margins. Use Times New Roman 12-point font for all text. Each student must complete and submit a bibliography, which will not count against 3-page limit. The format for the essay and student biography can be found in attachments 1 and 2.

5.0 Selection: Each AFROTC detachment PAS, or respective functional administrative section, may submit **two (2)** cadet nominations to the GOE Foundation (suspense and point of contact in paragraph 4.0). The GOE Foundation will select the winners by Friday, 6 April, 2018 and announce the results via email by Friday, 20 April 2018.

5.1 Presentation of the Award: The winners will arrive at Maxwell AFB on Monday, 28 May 18. Scholarship winners will participate in the Eagle lecture series Tuesday, 29 May through Thursday 31 May, culminating with the presentation of the scholarships on Tuesday. The winners will return to their home of record after the conclusion of GOE week. Lodging will be provided if required. Transportation is provided by the GOE Foundation. Service dress uniform, or equivalent, is required and business casual clothes are recommended for other GOE events.

6.0 Gathering of Eagles Mission and Eagle Criteria:

6.1 Mission: The mission of the Gathering of Eagles program at ACSC is to provide a forum for ACSC students to honor men and women who have made significant contributions to air, space and cyber power. In turn, these honorees educate and inspire the class and connect the past to the present—thus providing the capstone event for the ACSC experience.

6.2 Criteria: An Eagle should be a person who has made a significant contribution to air, space, or cyberspace operations, broadly defined to include flying, space travel, space exploration, flight test, military aviation, the advancement of airpower theory or doctrine, commercial aviation, aircraft engineering and design, cyber operations and the aircraft industry.

Essays should answer the following to the best of your ability: “Describe a living person who exemplifies one or more of the attributes below and why they are worthy of being an Eagle.”

It is difficult to precisely define what constitutes a “significant contribution,” but it will typically involve some element of personal sacrifice, courage, or risk, and probably take the form of one or more of the following:

- An individual act of heroism requiring personal courage and sacrifice. Examples include Dr Rhonda Cornum in Desert Storm, Col Ken Cordier in Vietnam or Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lori Hill in Iraq.
- A key role in an organization recognized as having made a significant contribution to aviation, air power, space or cyber history. Examples include the American Volunteer Group, the Tuskegee Airmen, the Society of Flight Test Engineers or SpaceX.
- A pioneering air/space/military effort or set of efforts. Examples include Mary Jennings Hegar, Martha McSally or Elon Musk.
- A key role in an event generally recognized as a milestone in aviation or air power history. Examples include the Battle of Britain, the Doolittle Raid, the Marianas Turkey Shoot, Operation BOLO, Operation Olympic Games, the Voyager Flight, or SpaceShipTwo.
- A recognized title or honor directly associated with a career in aviation/space/cyber. Examples include achieving “Ace” status, winning the Harmon Trophy, being awarded the Medal of Honor or any comparable foreign decoration, etc.
- A career of significant and sustained accomplishment in air, space or cyber, especially in the context of military service. Examples include Col Guion Bluford (Retired) or Lt Col Kelly J. Latimer (Retired) or Senator Tammy Duckworth.

The most compelling Eagles have careers that represent a lifetime of service and sacrifice in air and space power, punctuated by historic events or noteworthy accomplishments along the way.

Attachment 1: Student Biography

Rank and Name (ALL CAPS)
School, State, Class of 20XX
AS Designator (i.e. AS 200, AS 300)
Major, GPA

AFROTC Detachment
(Detachment) Commander's Rank and Name
(Detachment) Commander's Email Address
(Detachment) Address and Phone Number

FITNESS TEST SCORES:
Physical Fitness Test Score:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Enter your extracurricular academic, athletic, and community service activities here. Also, if you are a member of any professional societies, list them here.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Include AFROTC, academic, athletic and community awards and achievements in this section. If you have prior military service, also include your decorations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Your biography should be one page maximum.

Attachment 2: Submission Format

Essay Title

Three pages maximum

Double spaced

One-inch margins

Times New Roman, 12-point font for all text

A bibliography is required and should be included at the end of the essay.

The bibliography will not be counted against the 3-page essay limit.

The footer should contain your name (left) and page number (right).

Save your essay as: Last name_Detachment_Eagle's Last Name Save

Save your bibliography as: Last name_Detachment_Bibliography