

Airman Education & Commissioning Program (AECPP)



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OVERVIEW

The Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECPP) offers active duty Air Force enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn their bachelor's degree at a college or university with an AFROTC detachment or crosstown agreement then attend OTS and commission as a second lieutenant. AECPP candidates remain on active duty and receive full pay and benefits while enrolled in the program. Additionally, any AECPP candidate who is an E-4 or below will be promoted to E-5 upon entering the program. In addition to full pay and benefits, AECPP cadets are provided with a tuition/fees scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year and a \$600 annual text book allowance*. AECPP cadets may participate in the program for up to 36 months, depending on their major and prior academic preparation and must attend school year-round.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Have one year time in service (waiverable)
- Have one year time on station (waiverable)
- Be recommended by immediate commander
- Pass the AFROTC Physical Fitness Test
- Be world-wide qualified[†]
- Be admitted to a school offering AFROTC (cross-town or host detachment) and specified ABET-accredited technical academic majors
- Meet the minimum college grade point averages and must have completed the required coursework for their major[‡]
- Meet requirement for overseas retainability (if applicable).

Applicants with enlistment/reenlistment bonuses must request a waiver to enter the program.

Applicants must submit all waiver requests to HQ AFROTC/RRUE NET 6 Dec and NLT 6 Jan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The annual tuition may not exceed \$15,000 per year and students may not pay the difference to attend higher cost schools.

Contact your base education office and/or the Enlisted Commissioning Programs web site (<http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/EnlistedCommissioning.asp>) for guidance on the application process.

AECPP is open only to specific majors, including nursing, meteorology, physics, mathematics, ABET-accredited engineering, and limited foreign languages and area studies. Applicants must submit their completed application to AFROTC by 1 March of each year.

The AECPP selection board meets in April of each year. While the board considers all documents in an application package, they typically focus on commander's comments, the airman's duty performance history and the applicant's academic performance. Airmen selected by the board will begin classes the following fall term. AECPP is not an avenue for undergraduate flying training. Applicants with a bachelor's degree in another field may apply to AECPP to earn a second degree in one of the majors listed above.

[†] As determined by AF Form 422 accomplished by a military treatment facility

[‡] Typically a minimum of 30 semester hours is required. Consult the criteria published in AFITRP 36-139, AECPP Newsletter for further guidance on minimum GPA requirements and prerequisite courses required for specific majors in this program.

* See AFROTC detachment for details