



## OVERVIEW

The Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECP) offers active duty Air Force enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a commission through the AFROTC program while completing requirements for their bachelor's degree. AECP candidates remain on active duty and receive full pay and benefits while enrolled in the program. Additionally, any AECP candidate who is E-4 and below will be promoted to E-5 upon entering the program. In addition to full pay and benefits, AECP cadets are provided with a tuition/fees scholarship of up to \$15,000 per year and an annual textbook allowance of \$510. AECP cadets may participate in the program for one to three years, depending on their major and prior academic preparation. During the program, they attend school year-round (with the exception of the summer they attend AFROTC field training). Cadets in this program will attend AFROTC classes and are required to meet all AFROTC criteria in order to fulfill commissioning requirements.

## QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for the AECP, an applicant must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Have one year's time in service (may be waivable)
- Have one year's time on station (may be waivable)
- Be recommended by immediate commander
- Pass the AFROTC physical fitness test
- Be medically fit as determined by a commissioning physical
- Be admitted to a school offering AFROTC and academic major of scholarship. The annual tuition may not exceed \$15,000 per year.
- Have qualifying AFOQT scores: verbal - 15, quantitative - 10
- Must commission and enter active duty before their 35th birthday
- Meet the minimum college grade point averages and have completed the required coursework for your major (typically a minimum of 45 semester hours is required). Consult the criteria published in AFITRP 36-139, AECP Newsletter for further guidance on minimum GPA requirements and prerequisite courses required for specific majors in this program.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AECP is open only to specific majors, including nursing, meteorology, physics, mathematics, engineering and select nontechnical areas. The AECP application process consists of two parts - the AFIT evaluation and the AECP Selection Board. Applicants must submit their completed application to HQ AFROTC/RRUE by 23 January and an AECP academic folder to AFIT/RRUE by 23 January each year. If AFIT determines the applicant meets the minimum criteria for his/her desired major, they will forward the package and the Memorandum of Eligibility to HQ AFROTC/RRUE for the AECP Selection Board. The AECP Selection Board meets in April each year. While the board considers all documents in an application package, they typically focus on the commander's comments, the airman's duty performance history and the applicant's academic performance to determine the applicant's eligibility. Airmen selected by the board will begin classes the following fall term. AECP is not an avenue for pilot training. Applicants with a bachelor's degree in another field may apply to AECP to earn a second degree. For more information, visit the enlisted commissioning website at: <http://afoats.maxwell.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm>