

CAP Cadet Eligibility

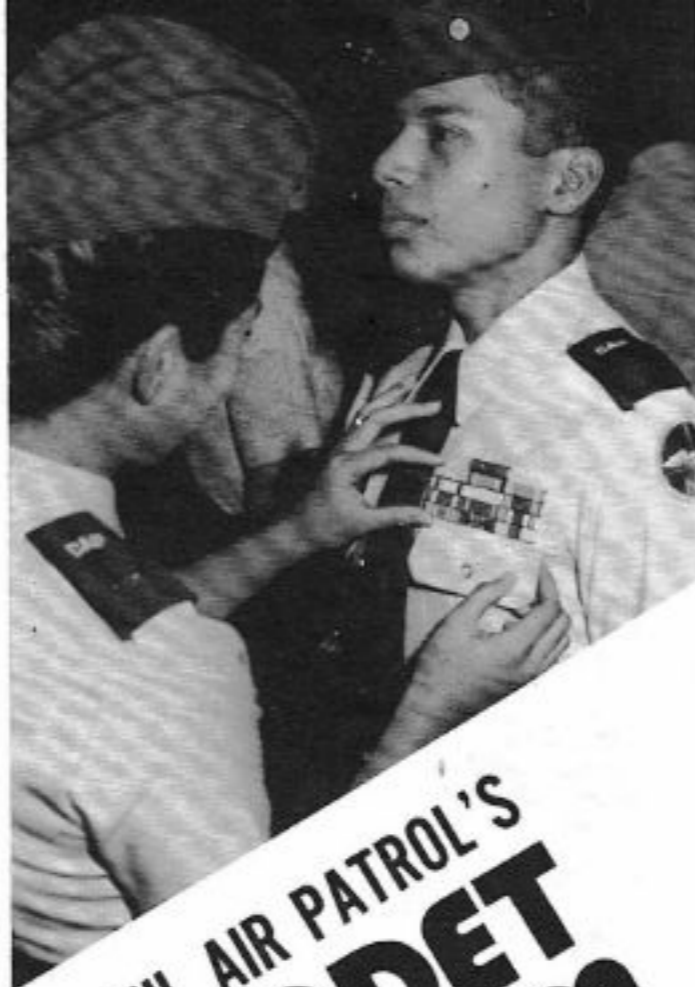
Young men and women who are U.S. citizens or aliens "lawfully admitted for permanent residency" may also become Civil Air Patrol cadets. You must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 13 years old. The maximum age for entering the cadet program is 18. (Beyond this, a Senior Member Program is available.) Additionally, prospective cadets must be in school or, if graduated from high school, not be married or in the active military service, and have good moral character.

For Information

Contact us, stop by one of our meetings or complete and mail the return reply card you received with this brochure. Use the address or point of contact indicated on the reply card. No obligation. We can provide you with more specific information about Civil Air Patrol activities in your local area. We are looking forward to having you join our team. Thank you again.

These are just a few of the exciting activities that CAP cadets have the opportunity to participate in.

- Take advantage of international travel through the International Air Cadet Exchange program
- Compete with other cadets in precision drill, athletics and aerospace education academics at the National Cadet Competition
- Learn search and rescue techniques, flightline operations and survival techniques at the Pararescue Orientation Course and Blue Beret Encampment
- Develop knowledge and skills concerning computers at the Air Force Computer Orientation School
- Gain confidence in leadership, problem solving, and public speaking at the National Cadet Officer School
- Go on orientation flights in military and CAP aircraft.
- Participate in search and rescue and disaster relief missions
- Pursue scholarships in academic, aviation and vocational fields



CIVIL AIR PATROL'S CADET PROGRAM

A WAY OF LIFE FOR AMERICAN YOUTH
IN THE AEROSPACE AGE

Optional Benefits

AIRLINE DISCOUNTS

Members of CAP receive discounts from three airlines:

- Delta offers: 40% to 75% savings for Training activities.
- Continental offers: 5% off lowest applicable fare at time of booking.
30% off First Class fares.
30% off (Y9) Coach fares.
- Eastern offers: 30% off First Class fares.
55% off Coach fares, Fri-Sun.
65% off Coach fares, Mon-Thurs.

With the wide range of "super saver" fares and special discounts, you may be able to obtain a better discount on your own and are encouraged to check all available fares. However, for business travelers who do not always have the option of the advance planning required to take advantage of other discounts, the CAP discount offers a substantial savings.

Members must present a current Civil Air Patrol membership card when tickets are purchased.

These discounts are subject to change or may be discontinued, but all purchased tickets will be honored.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Civil Air Patrol members and their families are eligible to join the Maxwell-Gunter Credit Union. MAX offers a variety of services including:

- VISA and MasterCard with no annual fees and lower interest.
- Interest-paying checking accounts.
- Low interest loans.
- Money Markets and Certificates of Deposits and IRAs. All MAX accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Association. For more information, call (205) 279-7550.



Dear Prospective Cadet

We would like to thank you for your interest in finding out more about the Civil Air Patrol and our Cadet Program. Civil Air Patrol is a private, aviation-oriented, civilian organization of unpaid volunteers. By federal law, Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. As such, Civil Air Patrol has three mission elements—emergency services, aerospace education, and a cadet program. You are probably wondering what this has to do with you. The answer is, if you think about the things you are really interested in, you may find Civil Air Patrol offers many of them—and more.

Training

The Cadet Program helps train young men and women like you to become the leaders of the future in whatever you decide to do. The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program may include, but is not limited to, flying, aerospace education, survival skills, rescue and first aid, and radio communications, as well as the study of navigation, weather, and aviation. Cadets are eligible for orientation flights in military and CAP aircraft. Many cadets will be afforded flying experience in CAP aircraft. In addition, cadets may compete for flying and academic scholarships as they advance in the cadet program. Civil Air Patrol cadets are trained in drill and ceremonies, leadership, physical fitness, and moral development. Membership in Civil Air Patrol does not obligate you to join any of the United States armed forces. However, if you do elect to join the Air Force, and have achieved the Mitchell Award, you are eligible to start out in the advanced pay grade of E-3, after completing Air Force Basic Training.

Activities

Frequently CAP cadets attend exciting local, national and international activities in addition to their training programs. Some of these may include: participation in search and rescue (including disaster relief) missions, training and education at Air Force and other Department of Defense installations, travel to a foreign country through the International Air Cadet Exchange Program, attendance at summer encampments, assisting in community events, and more. Cadet rank, responsibility, and public recognition are also available based on your advancement within the Civil Air Patrol.

Benefits and Services

TAX BENEFITS

As a Federally chartered non-profit corporation, Civil Air Patrol is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. This entitles members to claim various expenses as charitable contributions for Federal tax purposes. These include:

- Membership dues
- Expenses for uniforms and training materials
- Out of pocket expenses while participating in CAP activities
- Twelve cents a mile for use of personal vehicle
- Travel and living expenses while attending CAP meetings



CAP SUPPLY DEPOT

Civil Air Patrol operates a depot in Amarillo, Texas, which carries a large stock of aircraft parts and equipment at discount to members for their own aircraft. Communications equipment of all kinds is also available. The depot has a toll free number (1-800-858-4370) and accepts most credit cards.

CAP BOOKSTORE

Civil Air Patrol operates a bookstore at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, which carries CAP uniforms and accessories, CAP regulations and publications of all kinds. It has a toll free number (1-800-633-8768) and accepts most credit cards.



INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year a limited number of cadets and senior member escorts travel to a variety of foreign countries as part of an aviation cadet exchange program to further a program of international goodwill and understanding.

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Civil Air Patrol conducts a number of meetings and conventions around the country every year. A national convention is held in a different city each year. Travel to and from may be assisted by Air Force airlift as available.

