

## Gathering of Eagles Foundation Scholarship

**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 and space power. Each June during GOE week, the GOE Foundation honors 8-15 of these inspiring individuals (called “Eagles”) as an Air Command and Staff College capstone event. In addition, the GOE Foundation awards annual scholarship(s) to JROTC cadets to promote air and space power education and to inspire future leaders of the Air Force.

**2.0 Type:** The GOE Foundation will award up to two, \$1,000 scholarships annually. A minimum of one, \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded each year. The winner(s) will be invited to attend a portion of GOE week at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, which will take place on or around 30 May-1 June 2017. The week’s events include attending an Eagle lecture series and selected events during which the winners will interact with past, present, and future air and space power leaders.

**3.0 Eligibility:** Open to high school seniors in good standing enrolled in JROTC in the state of Alabama.

**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 Senior JROTC Instructor from each location and are due to GOE Foundation on 13 February 2017. E-mail the JROTC nominee’s essay and 1-page student biography [scholarships@goefoundation.org](mailto: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. A bibliography is required but 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 JROTC unit’s Senior JROTC Instructor 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 winner(s) no later than 13 March 2017 and announce the results via email by 25 March 2017.

**5.1 Presentation of the Award:** Winner(s) will be given the opportunity to participate in the Eagle lecture series Tuesday through Thursday, culminating with the presentation of the scholarship on Thursday. The winner(s) will provide their own transportation to/from Maxwell AFB. Service dress uniform 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 Air Command and Staff College is to provide a forum for ACSC students to honor men and women who have made significant contributions to air and space power. In turn, these honorees educate and inspire the class and connect the past to the present—thus providing the capstone event for the Air Command and Staff College experience.

**6.2 Criteria.** An Eagle should be a man or woman who has made a significant contribution to air, space, and cyberspace power, 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, and the aircraft industry.

**Essays should answer the following as best as possible: “Describe a living person who exemplifies these attributes and how 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 (i.e., LT Alex Vraciu, USN, in WWII or Major Bernard Fisher, USAF, in Vietnam).
- A key role in an organization generally recognized as having made a significant contribution to aviation or air power history (i.e., American Volunteer Group, Tuskegee Airmen, early NASA programs).
- A pioneering air/space effort or set of efforts (i.e., Dr. Bertrand Piccard or Dick Rutan).
- A key role in an event generally recognized as a milestone in aviation or air power history (Battle of Britain, Doolittle Raid, Marianas Turkey Shoot, Schweinfurt raids, Operation BOLO, Apollo moon landing, breaking of the sound barrier, etc.).
- A recognized title or honor directly associated with his/her career in aviation (“Ace” status, Harmon Trophy, Medal of Honor recipient, comparable foreign decoration, etc.).
- A career of significant and sustained accomplishment in air and space power, especially in the context of military service (i.e., Gen Jimmy Doolittle or Gen Ron Fogelman).

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, City, State, Class of 20XX  
Student Mailing Address and Phone Number  
GPA

JROTC Detachment  
Senior JROTC Instructor's Rank and Name  
Senior JROTC Instructor's Email Address  
Detachment Address and Phone Number

FITNESS TEST SCORES:  
Aerobic Fitness Test Score:  
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 JROTC, academic, athletic and community awards and achievements in this section.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
1. You may state your financial needs in this section.  
2. 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 your biography as: Last name\_Detachment\_Biography