

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 AFROTC 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 \$2,000 scholarships annually. A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded. If the size and quality of the field warrant, the GOE Foundation has the option of awarding a second \$2,000 scholarship. The winner(s) will be invited to attend a portion of GOE week at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. This year’s event will take place on or around 30 May-1 June 2017. The week’s events include attending an Eagle lecture series and several social events during which the winner(s) will interact with past, present, and future air and space power leaders. Transportation, meals, and lodging costs will be covered for the award winner(s) only.

3.0 Eligibility: Open to: - AS 200 and AS 300 cadets in good standing enrolled in AFROTC
- Marion Military Institute cadets.

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 13 February 2017. 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. 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 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 winner(s) no later than 13 March 2017 and announce the results via email by 25 March 2017.

5.1 Presentation of the Award: The GOE Foundation will fund coach class travel and three nights of lodging at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The winner(s) will arrive at Maxwell AFB on Tuesday of GOE week. They will participate in the Eagle lecture series Wednesday through Thursday culminating with the presentation of the scholarship on Thursday. The winner(s) will return to their home of record after the conclusion of GOE week. 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 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, State, Class of 20XX
AS Designator (ie. AS 200, AS 300)
Major, GPA

AFROTC Detachment (or prep school name)
(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:
1. 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