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## **GATHERING OF EAGLES AY23 AFROTC SCHOLARSHIP**

**1.0 Overview:** Gathering of Eagles (GOE) is a student elective at Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL. Select students attending ACSC are chosen to participate in the elective. The GOE Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that honors men and women who have made enduring contributions to air, space and cyber operations throughout history and provides community outreach and scholarship opportunities to students across the Alabama River Region. GOE members are also board members for the Foundation. The GOE Capstone Week culminates a year of hard work, events and programs implemented by the GOE, and provides a forum for ACSC students to pay homage to men and women who have made significant contributions to air, space, and cyberspace. This year, during the GOE Capstone week (21-24 May 2023), GOE will honor 8 Eagles to commemorate uniquely outstanding airpower contributions. Additionally, the GOE Foundation will present scholarships to Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) cadets to help support and encourage completion of their education and subsequent commission as a future leader in the Air Force.

**2.0 Scholarships:** The GOE Foundation will award two **\$1,000** scholarships to AFROTC cadets in Academic Year (AY) 2023. The winners will also be given the exclusive opportunity to participate in the GOE Capstone events the week of 21-24 May 2023 at Maxwell AFB, AL. Participation includes shadowing GOE students and assisting with logistical support. Participants will have the opportunity to attend the Eagles' lecture series and select social events, which will allow for interaction with past, present, and future air and space power leaders. Transportation and meal costs will be covered for the award winners. Further information about the Eagles being honored at the AY23 Capstone can be found in Attachment 2.

**3.0 Eligibility:** AFROTC cadets in their Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior year enrolled in any of the **Alabama AFROTC Detachments** can apply. Cadets must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and must *not* have been awarded a full ROTC scholarship for the upcoming academic year.

**4.0 Nomination Process:** Applicants will submit application packages in accordance with the below guidelines. Nominations must be submitted by the Detachment Professor of Aerospace Studies (PAS), or respective functional administrative section, and are due to the Gathering of Eagles (GOE) Foundation no later than **Friday, 31 March 2023**.

**4.1 Student Essay:** Applicants must submit a three-page (maximum) essay in response to the following prompt: *“How do you see your generation shaping the future of air, space, and cyberspace, and what role do you want to have in that?”*

**4.2 Format:** Three-page (maximum) double-spaced essay with 1-inch margins. Use Times New Roman 12-point font for all text. Please include footers with your name and page number. For example: “Caitlin T. Reilly, pg 1 of 1”

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**4.3 Applicant Biography:** Each applicant must complete and submit a one-page biography which does not count against the three-page essay limit. The format for the student biography can be found in Attachment 1.

**4.4 Letter of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation from any of the following individuals: ROTC leadership, teacher, counselor, or extracurricular activity leader.

**4.5 Submission instructions:** Documents should be consolidated into one PDF file in the order listed and submitted via email by the Detachment PAS or respective functional section. Applications must be emailed to [acscgoe@goefoundation.org](mailto:acscgoe@goefoundation.org) no later than **Friday, 31 March 2023.**

**5.0 Selection:** Each AFROTC Detachment PAS, or respective functional administrative section, may submit no more than **two (2)** cadet nominations to the GOE Foundation (suspense and point of contact in paragraph 4.5). The GOE Foundation will notify the winners via e-mail, no later than **Thursday, 6 April 2023.**

**6.0 Presentation of the Award:** Scholarship winners will arrive at Maxwell AFB, AL on **Sunday, 21 May 2023 and depart Wednesday, 24 May 2023.** In addition to the monetary award, scholarship winners will also receive a GOEF polo shirt to be worn with slacks during Capstone week. For the scholarship presentation, students must be in the Service Dress uniform. Additional information regarding lodging and transportation will be communicated to the selected scholarship recipients.

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## **Attachment 1 Student Biography**

Rank and Name  
School, State  
Class of 20XX  
Major, GPA

### **AFROTC DETACHMENT:**

(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:**

Your biography should be one page maximum



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## **Attachment 2 Capstone Week Eagles**

- General John W. “Jay” Raymond, USSF (RET)

-- General (Ret) John W. "Jay" Raymond was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to air and space power as the first Chief of Space Operations, US Space Force. Responsible for standing up the newest branch of armed service since 1947, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and acted as a key military advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the US President. He also planned, established, and served as the first Commander of US Space Command and as the only non-rated officer selected as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in the US Air Force’s history.

- Lieutenant General Stayce D. Harris, USAF (RET)

-- Lieutenant General (Ret) Stayce D. Harris was selected as an Eagle for her significant contributions to Airpower and Air Mobility. She has more than 2,500 hours in the C-130J, KC-135R, C-141B/C, T-38, and T-37 and deployed in numerous operations throughout her 36-year Air Force career. Lieutenant General Harris hosts a list of firsts throughout her distinguished military career, including being the first Black Woman to earn 3-Stars in the US Air Force; to serve as the Inspector General of the Air Force; to command a Numbered Air Force; to command a flying wing; and to command an operational flying squadron.

- Chaplain Major General Charles H. Baldwin, USAF (RET)

-- Chaplain Major General (Ret) Charles H. Baldwin was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to Airpower, specifically to the Chaplain Corps and caring for Airmen. Originally, he flew the EC-121 Warning Star and then volunteered to re-train and fly the HH-53 Super Jolly as a rescue pilot serving out of Da Nang Air Base from 1972-1973. Chaplain Baldwin was at the Pentagon on September 11th, where he witnessed the fireball and ministered to the wounded on site in the immediate aftermath of the attacks. He retired in 2008 after serving as the US Air Force Chief of Chaplains.

- Brigadier General Weldon F. “Blackjack” Honeycutt, USA (RET)

-- Brigadier General (Ret) Weldon F. “Blackjack” Honeycutt was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to Airpower. While serving in the Army, he led tactics development in the Air Mobile concept during the Vietnam Conflict. He designed, recruited, trained, and equipped one of the first complete Aviation Task forces in Vietnam. Brigadier General Honeycutt taught notable General Officers to fly and solo, to include General William Westmoreland, General Melvin Zais and many others.

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- Captain Victor J. Glover Jr., USN

-- Captain Victor J. Glover, Jr. was selected as an Eagle for his numerous contributions to air and space power. He is a NASA astronaut, a Navy F-18/AF Test Pilot, and pilot for NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission, the first crew rotational flight of a US commercial spacecraft with astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) from November 15, 2020 to May 2, 2021. He is the first African American with a long duration stay on the ISS. He completed 168 days in orbit and participated in four spacewalks. Captain Glover is also selected as an Artemis mission team member for the return to the moon.

- Colonel Leroy W. Stutz, USAF (POW)

-- Colonel (Ret) Leroy W. Stutz was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to aviation. He served in the Kansas Air National Guard and US Air Force. While serving in Vietnam, he became a Prisoner of War, where he remained for 6.5 years. He was imprisoned with Robbie Risner, James Stockdale, and John McCain in the Hanoi Hilton. While serving, he received numerous medals, including two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars (Valor), and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

- Chief Warrant Officer Raymond C. Wilson, USA (RET)

-- Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Raymond C. Wilson was selected as an Eagle for his outstanding contributions to Airpower. Chief Warrant Officer Wilson overcame adversity at the height of the civil rights movement to attain his dream of flying. He was a Huey pilot who served over a year in Vietnam and helped lead the US Army's transition to the HH-60 Blackhawk. In addition to serving in Vietnam, he flew in the Arab-Israeli War, operations in Nicaragua, and Operation JUST CAUSE.

- Patricia R. "Patty" Wagstaff

-- Patricia R. "Patty" Wagstaff was selected as an Eagle for her outstanding contributions to aviation. She is a six-time member of the US Aerobatic Team, the first woman to win the title of US National Aerobatic champion and one of the few people to win it three times. She was the top-scoring US pilot at the World Aerobatic Championship and was also a gold, silver and bronze International Aerobatic Club champion. Her Goodrich-sponsored Extra 260 airplane is on display at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Patty Wagstaff has been inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, among others. She has worked as a stunt pilot and aerial coordinator for the film and television industry, continues to fly airshows worldwide, and instructs at her very own aerobatics school.

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