

EDUCATION BENEFITS



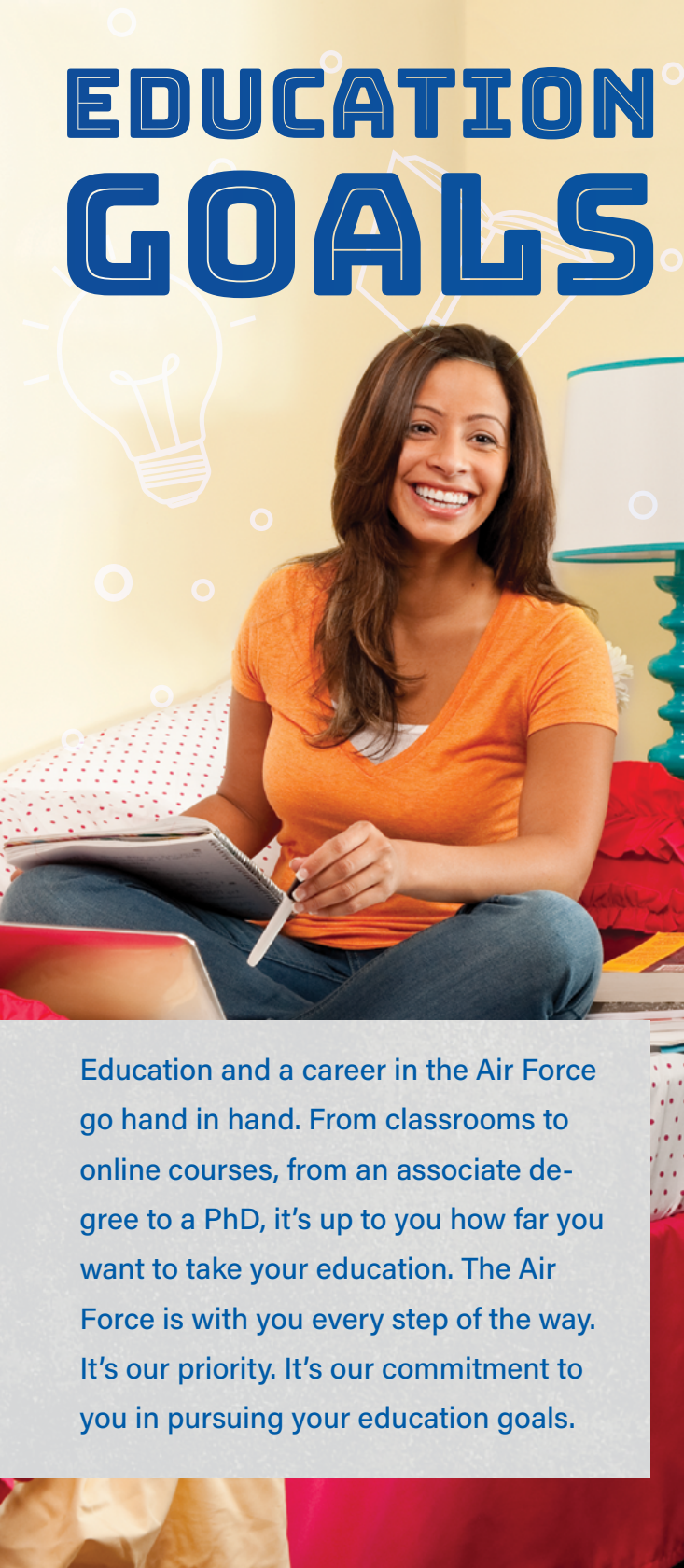
U.S. AIR FORCE



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EDUCATION GOALS



Education and a career in the Air Force go hand in hand. From classrooms to online courses, from an associate degree to a PhD, it's up to you how far you want to take your education. The Air Force is with you every step of the way. It's our priority. It's our commitment to you in pursuing your education goals.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

Upon your enlistment, you will be automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). It's the largest community college in the world and the only two-year institution exclusively serving enlisted members.

Your college credits add up quickly for Basic Military Training, technical training and upgrade training. Coupled with off-duty courses and/or college level equivalency exams, you can earn an associate of applied science degree in your career field. If you already have some college credits when you enlist, CCAF will accept transfer credits from other accredited schools on a course-by-course basis.

AIR FORCE VIRTUAL EDUCATION CENTER

Through the Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC), you will have a world of education possibilities at your fingertips that allow you to map out the best path to achieve your education goals. AFVEC is a one-stop site offering an extensive array of online services allowing you to take full control of your education.

BASE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTER

There may be times you need to talk to an education professional to discuss your education options. Each base has an Education Services Center (ESC) dedicated to helping Air Force members, family members and retirees pursue their goals. The centers are composed of school representatives, guidance counselors, academic advisors, education technicians/specialists and test examiners.



TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

With the Air Force Tuition Assistance Program, there's no need to worry about how to cover your college expenses. It pays up to 100 percent of your tuition for academic or technical classes taken on or off base and through distance learning in pursuit of an associate, bachelor's and master's degree.

COLLEGE LEVEL EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

Many Airmen earn college credits through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), Excelsior College and the Defense Language Proficiency Test. Each base ESC has a current list of college exams available. A maximum of 30 semester hours of degree-applicable credit can be used to satisfy degree requirements at most institutions.

ASSOCIATE TO BACCALAUREATE COOPERATIVE

The Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative program allows Airmen to apply their CCAF degree credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of colleges and universities. Using AFVEC, Airmen can enroll as juniors in one of more than 200 degree programs and 100 institutions.

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

Some occupations require specific licenses and certifications established by governmental and professional inter-service organizations.

The Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (AF COOL) allows Airmen to earn approved credentialing in their specialty at no cost to them. AF COOL is available through the AFVEC and can be used toward multiple credentials using a specified career max allowance.

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<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/>

AIR FORCE VIRTUAL EDUCATION CENTER

<https://afvec.us.af.mil/>

POST-9/11 GI BILL

Participants in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program can receive 100-percent paid tuition (up to a specified amount paid directly to the school) after 36 months of honorable active-duty service with no monetary contribution required. Students in eligible programs can also receive a monthly housing allowance plus an annual stipend for books and supplies. These benefits never expire and are transferable to a spouse or dependent family member.

Transfer of Post-9/11 benefits must be completed prior to release from active duty and eligibility requires six years of active-duty service and an additional commitment of four more years.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL FOR SELECTED RESERVE

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who have a six-year service obligation may qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program. The MGIB-SR provides up to 36 months of financial assistance for education and training expenses and payments are made directly to the student each month. Eligibility in this program usually ends the day the individual leaves the Reserve or Guard. There is no monetary contribution required to be eligible for this benefit.

(Note: GI Bill participants are required to verify their school attendance each month before payments are issued. Also, if they are eligible for more than one GI Bill program, they will need to decide which one best fits their needs. Participants can not receive benefits under more than one program at a time.)

MONTGOMERY GI BILL FOR ACTIVE DUTY

Enlisted members (and some officers) who serve continuously for 36 or more months on active duty may participate in the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (MGIB-AD) program. It provides up to 36 months of financial assistance for education and training expenses and payments are made directly to the student each month. Benefits generally expire 10 years from the last day of active duty.

To participate, members must opt into the program during their first few months of active-duty service and elect to have their military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months. Full-time students receive a specified amount per month during the academic year. An additional financial monthly benefit is available for those who opt into the “Kicker” contribution for MGIB-AD prior to release from active duty. There is no book stipend or housing stipend and this benefit cannot be transferred to dependents.

SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

You can choose one of several paths that allows you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our global Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit **WWW.AIRFORCE.COM** or call **1-800-423-USAF**.



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