



ACE Program Awards



Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Air & Space Forces Association (AFA) wish to honor outstanding achievement in the ACE Program. Therefore, the following national awards have been established for those involved in the ACE program: ACE Student of the Year, ACE Teacher of the Year, and ACE School of the Year. We wish to acknowledge schools that go above and beyond to make the program a successful and integral part of the learning experience. The ACE program would not be possible without the enthusiasm and willingness of dedicated teachers to present the program to their students, as the students are the inspiration and purpose for the program! It is CAP's desire to award and publicize the great work of our schools, teachers, and students. And, the AFA, as the ACE award sponsor, is also eager to find those stellar programs deserving of recognition.

Award nomination form are available online on the [ACE Teachers Page](#), as well as on the following pages. The deadline to submit nominations is April 25 of the current school year.

Why should you take the time to submit a nomination?

Individuals and groups take pride in being honored for outstanding achievements. Additionally, being honored and sharing success stories may inspire others and/or spark new ideas that can spur students, teachers, and schools onto greater achievements. Not only will the award winners receive national recognition through the Civil Air Patrol's AE newsletter, social media, and website, but award winners can publicize their achievement in their local community to help showcase the great accomplishments taking place within their local schools.

Along with national publicity, the following prizes are provided to winners:

ACE Student of the Year: plaque and \$50

ACE Teacher of the Year: plaque and a \$250 grant to be used as needed

ACE School of the Year: plaque and \$250 grant to be used as needed

NOTE: The National ACE School of the Year will be host for the next school year's National ACE Lift-off event! Local, state, and national guests will attend the school's event.

Nomination packages should include the nomination form, and any additional information, pictures, student samples, news articles, or other material to support the nominee.

(NOTE: Any photos of students need parental permission to submit as the photos could be used by CAP/AE.) Providing details and specific examples are important criteria in the selection process. Completed nominations may be submitted by the method listed below and you will receive an email confirmation upon our receipt of the nomination material.

Email all award forms and associated documentation to ace@capnhq.gov. (Documents and pictures may be sent in separate emails if the files are large.)

All nominations must be received by April 25 of the current school year. Winners will be notified by May 10 in time to allow for award presentations at the school with invited guests, such as local CAP and AFA guests.

NOTE: Prizes may be subject to change due to available funding.



National ACE Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

(form can be downloaded at the [ACE Teachers' page](#))



AWARD DESCRIPTION

The National ACE Teacher of the Year Award is provided to a teacher who has done an exemplary job of implementing **the ACE program** in his/her classroom. This teacher has a passion for teaching and incorporating aerospace/STEM subjects into his/her instruction. Not only does he/she inspire students, but this teacher also inspires other colleagues. By the excitement generated in his/her classroom and the extra effort to share the information about the ACE program with other teachers and the community, this individual is deserving of the ACE Program Teacher of the Year Award. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Must be an Aerospace Educator Member (AEM) or regular squadron member of the Civil Air Patrol who is currently teaching the ACE program.
2. Must be a certified teacher who is employed at the school.
3. Must have done an exemplary job in completing the ACE program and promoting aerospace education via the program.
4. **Must have had at least 10 ACE lessons taught IN HIS/HER CLASSROOM.**

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Any administrator, teacher, or parent within the school may nominate an individual (including himself or herself) who meets the criteria for selection for ACE Teacher of the Year. Complete the nomination form (type or print clearly) and email the completed form and any attachments. Submit any pictures, student samples, news articles, or other material to support the nomination when submitting the nomination. (Ensure any student photos have permission to use publicly. Turn in all nomination documentation no later than **April 25** of the current school year so the winner can be announced before school is out for the summer.

Email completed nomination package to ace@capnhq.gov.

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

1. Name of Nominee _____
2. Name/City/State of School _____
3. Nominee's Title (e.g. teacher, counselor, etc.) and Grade Level(s) of ACE Instruction:

4. Nominator Name/Title (or note if self nomination) _____
5. Did the nominee complete the pre/post-tests with his/her students? (yes or no) _____
6. Did the nominee have any method of acknowledging successful student completion of ACE lessons? (yes or no) _____ If yes, please briefly describe.

7. How many ACE lessons were conducted in the nominee's classroom? _____ Of these lessons, how many did the nominee personally teach? _____
(In good faith and honesty, please include any lessons in the above totals that the nominee is scheduled to teach before the end of the year.)

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8. Did the nominee acquire ACE shirts and have students wear on ACE days? (yes or no) _____
9. Did the nominee include parent, school, or community volunteers in ACE program implementation? (yes or no) _____ If yes, please describe:
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10. Did the nominee provide reports or photos to local media to promote the program to the community? (yes or no) _____ (If yes, include details in #11.)
11. Explain why you feel the nominee is deserving of the ACE Teacher of the Year award. Use as much space as is needed to explain on the following text page. Remember that you can send accompanying documentation (e.g. letters of recommendation, pictures, news articles, etc.) to support the nomination.

Add any discussion for this award in the text box: