



CAP Cadets: Their Barriers to Success

CAP National Cadet Team
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Cadet experiences vary by the youth's interests and the local squadron's offerings. In general, this example is a reasonable synopsis of what a motivated cadet could experience during their first and second cadet years.

Participation costs can vary greatly depending whether the cadet self-pays for uniforms and activities, or draws from local uniform closets and CadetInvest assistance programs, which are marked with a ★. Few, if any, families incur the full estimate of yearly expenses.

Non-financial factors are some of the biggest barriers to participation. A prospective cadet must live near a squadron and have family support to attend weekly meetings and weekend activities. While other youth programs catering to disadvantaged families operate on school campuses or near public housing, CAP generally does not. Families need to bring their cadets to CAP. Accordingly, few of America's neediest youth are participating in CAP.

CONTINUED POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- 25. **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CADET IMPACT**
- 24. Mitchell Award
- 23. Flight Academy or Career Exploration \$500-\$1500 est.
★ Cadet Lift & Take-Off Programs
- 22. Encampment Cadre \$225 avg.
★ C/Encampment Assistance Pgm.
- 21. STEM Kit 100% paid by CAP
- 20. Insignia, Ribbons \$50/yr est.
- 19. Uniform Refresh \$200 est.
- 18. Orientation Flight 100% paid by CAP
- 17. Squadron Activities \$100/yr est.
- 16. Cadet NCO Kit 100% paid by CAP
- 15. Renew Membership \$25 to \$47
SECOND CADET YEAR

LEARNING & POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- 14. **SUCCESSFUL CADET IMPACT**
- 13. Wright Brothers Award
- 12. Encampment \$225 avg.
★ C/Encampment Assistance Pgm.
- 11. Orientation Flight 100% paid by CAP
- 10. ★ Curry Uniform Voucher
Blues Uniform \$185
- 9. Insignia, Ribbons \$50/yr est.
- 8. STEM Kits 100% paid by CAP
- 7. Squadron Activities \$100/yr est.
- 6. ABU Uniform \$185
- 5. New Cadet Kit 100% paid by CAP
- 4. Family Support
- 3. Join CAP \$25 to \$47
- 2. Squadron Location
- 1. **START HERE: FIRST CADET YEAR**

