



The Air Force Association Sponsors National Cadet Award: *Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year*

All information about this award, to include past recipients, is found on the [CAP AE webpage for this award](#),

The AFA recognizes one CAP cadet for outstanding aerospace education contributions with its national **CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year Award**. This is an annual award that goes to the most deserving cadet in the nation who has made significant contributions by promoting aerospace education within CAP and the local community.

Anyone in a CAP squadron/unit may nominate a deserving cadet. This award timeline follows all CAP awards timelines, but the AE Officers at each level should be the POC for this award. By 15 January, unit commanders will submit nominations to the Wing DAE for consideration. By 15 February, Wing DAEs will screen nominations from unit commanders within their Wings and the Wing commander (or designee) will forward the best nominee to the Region DCS/AE for consideration. By 15 March, Region DCS/AEs will select the best of the Wing nominees and the Region commander (or designee) will forward one nomination to NHQ/Membership for consideration. The NHQ AE staff will convene a selection committee for final determination of the award.

The selection criteria at each level should be based on significant aerospace education accomplishments during the past year, to include possible involvement in the AFA's aerospace/STEM programs, CyberPatriot and/or StellarXplorers. These accomplishments should include support for CAP's aerospace mission within the unit; with community/school involvement, as well.

This award is a separate award from the Brewer Cadet AE Award and CAP's National Cadet of the Year Award. Thus, there is the opportunity for three outstanding cadets to receive national awards! Nomination packages should contain the completed [CAPF-120](#) as the cover form (with this award name in the "other" section); the **CAPF 50-4**, below; and a written narrative with color photos describing the cadet's accomplishments during the past year, not to exceed these four pages.

These directives are found on pages 45-46 in CAPP-50-1, ***The Aerospace Education Officers Handbook*** [HERE](#). ***Compile the entire package into one pdf document and submit forward. Questions? afa@capnhq.gov***

The award is presented by the AFA at the AFA's Annual Air, Space, and Cyber Symposium, typically held in September in/near Washington, D.C.

AFA's CAP AEROSPACE EDUCATION CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes the outstanding education contributions of a CAP cadet who possesses a strong interest and commitment to aerospace education and activities. These contributions should include both CAP activities and community involvement.

Nominee (Cadet's First Name, Initial, Last Name)		CAP Grade	CAPID #
Charter #	Duty Position		
Best Contact Phone #	E-mail Address		
Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)			
Justification (Can be up to three additional pages long and photos are encouraged.)			
Nominated By (First Name, Initial, Last Name)		CAP Grade	CAPID #
Charter #	Duty Position		
Best Contact Phone #	E-mail Address		

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