

# Opportunities Knock



Volunteer Opportunities to Perform  
*"Missions for America"*



Civil Air Patrol  
United States Air Force Auxiliary  
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Personnel Officer • Pilot • Finance Officer • Legal Officer • Safety Officer • Chaplain  
Public Affairs Officer • Flight Operations Officer • Historian • Emergency Services  
Officer • Communications Officer • Aerospace Education Officer • Cadet Programs  
Officer • Moral Leadership Officer • Recruiting and Retention Officer

## Answer the Call

*Have you ever wanted to serve your country, but you weren't sure how?*

In the Civil Air Patrol, a humanitarian and educational nonprofit organization, you CAN serve the United States as a civilian volunteer of the Air Force's auxiliary. You can join more than 56,000 members who expand and share their expertise with CAP in a wide variety of fields – from writing to flying, radio operations, teaching, youth leadership training, emergency services, finance, law, personnel and much, much more. The opportunities are truly endless!



*A pilot uses a landing gear attachment to move a CAP Cessna C-172 into position after flying a space shuttle security surveillance mission in Florida.*

## Opportunities Aboard

### In Cadet Programs

In CAP's Cadet Programs, youth 12 to 21 years old can develop leadership and technical skills as well as learn about aviation and space. They also learn and savor training in advanced technologies, survival, search and rescue, leadership, radio communications, model rocketry, flight training (glider and powered), CPR, photography, astronomy, physical fitness, sports and much more.

#### *Not too young to make a difference*

CAP cadets can participate in search and rescue and humanitarian missions as qualified radio operators, ground team members and mission staff assistants. Our cadets have even been credited with locating downed aircraft, finding missing people and saving lives.

#### *Real world experience*

In addition to training at the squadron level, cadets can further hone their skills through a num-

ber of summer academies that offer real-world career exploration in a wide array of disciplines, including flying, aviation technology, computer



*Cadets attending CAP's week-long Engineering Technologies Academy focus on aerospace-related challenges.*



*A cadet gives the thumbs-up sign while sitting in the cockpit of an Air Force aircraft during a base tour.*

programming, Web-site design, engineering, aircraft manufacturing and weather support.

Youth grow personally, learn about aviation and discover new friends by attending meetings regularly.

In CAP's International Air Cadet Exchange program, high-achieving cadets expand their understanding of distant cultures by serving as goodwill ambassadors and participating in aviation-related activities abroad. Hundreds more benefit by hosting international youth visiting America. The exchange provides youth with an informed perspective on complex world issues and deepens their appreciation of America's role in the global aerospace community.

### **Scholarships**

CAP also offers youth incredible educational opportunities. In fact, more than \$250,000 in academic and flight scholarships are available to cadets each year. These even include a scholarship to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colo.

### **Cadet Sponsor Program**

Cadet Sponsors are a special membership category that allows parents, grandparents and legal guardians to participate with their cadets. Cadet Sponsors serve as chaperons, provide transportation and supervise cadets during squadron activities. Cadet Sponsors are offered discounted membership dues and have a limited volunteer commitment. To become a Cadet Sponsor Member, fill out a Senior Member application and write "Cadet Sponsor Member" at the top. The cost is just \$25.

### **In Emergency Services**

CAP's Emergency Services Program is exciting, thrilling and, most of all, rewarding. In fact, there is little that can replace the awesome feeling of helping save a life. CAP members play a vital role in performing 95 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions. When a hurricane strikes, a private plane is late for arrival, a hiker is lost in the mountains, or melting snow floods a community, you may be called into action.

Our members play a central role in developing ties with local agencies responsible for search and rescue, disaster relief and other catastrophes. You will also initiate emergency service plans and training programs.

### **In Senior Programs**

When you become a member of CAP, you join a team of volunteers from all walks of life. And, regardless of your background, you can choose to receive training in any of a multitude of CAP positions. For example, public relations officers relay important CAP news to the media, write stories about CAP events and even take photographs; chaplains serve CAP and the nation by influencing the character development of our youth and serving as a member of the CAP team during local and national emergencies; and historians record newsworthy events. If you enjoy radio operation, your communications skills will be a remarkable asset, especially during disaster relief efforts. All of our



*A senior member gives a cadet an up-close training session on proper aircraft maintenance.*



Aircrew members double-check their equipment prior to flying a hurricane damage-assessment mission.

members may be called upon to assist local, state and federal agencies.

The opportunities don't stop there. You can help prepare our pilots for action as a standardization/evaluation officer, who train our aviators. Also, CAP can use your skills as a transportation officer to help maintain aircraft, vehicles and other equipment or flight operations officers to manage unit aircrews, aircraft and flight operations.

We're sure you have a special skill to employ at CAP. Perhaps you are an educator. If so, you can serve CAP as an Aerospace Education



Members review aerial damage-assessment images captured with CAP's state-of-the-art Satellite-transmitted Digital Imaging System.

Officer, promoting the wonders of flight to cadets, senior members and people in the community; or you might become a Cadet Program Officer, preparing youth for the future by leading aerospace education, leadership training, character development, physical fitness and other activities. Our CAP aviators give America's youth their first taste of flying in a Cadet Orientation Flight or in search and rescue missions.

There are even opportunities in finance and law, as well as in administration, recruitment and retention, personnel and more.

## I am interested in receiving more information about CAP.

Send me more information about joining Civil Air Patrol today! Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about CAP?

- CAP Member
- Family Member
- Friend
- Magazine/Newspaper
- Radio/Television
- Internet
- CAP Exhibit
- Parade
- Air Show/Airport
- School
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# FAQs

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *How do I join Civil Air Patrol?*

Individuals interested in joining must do so through one of our 1,500 local units. Visit several units before you decide which one is best for you. You can find a unit near you by going to the Civil Air Patrol Unit Locator at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov). To get to the locator directly, just type <http://cap.findlocation.com/>. You may also call our toll-free membership information hotline, 800-FLY-2338, to receive a list of units in your area.

### *How old must I be to join?*

To become a CAP cadet, applicants must be 12 to 18 years old. To become a Senior Member, one must be at least 18 years old.

### *What other requirements are necessary to become a member?*

An applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America or one of the following: a) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States of America and its territories and possessions or b) any lawfully admitted noncitizen residing in the United States specifically approved by the National Commander's designee. For the protection of our cadets, prospective adult members must undergo a routine fingerprint screening.

### *How much does membership cost?*

Annual membership dues are broken down into three levels: National, wing/regional and squadron. National dues are \$35 for seniors and \$25 for cadets. Wing/region dues as well as squadron dues vary. Please check in your area for exact amounts.



*CAP is a three-generation family affair for these New York Wing members.*

### *Will I become a member of the U.S. military?*

When you join CAP, you may occasionally work alongside military members, but you ARE NOT a member of the military and will not incur any type of military obligation.

### *What are CAP's Missions for America?*

Regardless of the mission, all CAP programs encompass a shared love of country and core values of integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect. CAP welcomes you to join and discover aviation on the best team in America. We'll be eagerly waiting to hear from you to start your adventure!

### *Need More Information?*

Call our toll-free membership information hotline, 800-FLY-2338, or go to our Web site, [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov), for more information.

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## Local Unit Information

Get Involved!



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*Aerospace education in America's classrooms is a vital part of CAP's educational programs.*

## In Aerospace Education

Opportunities for success skyrocket when educators join CAP as aerospace education members. For just \$35 a year, aerospace education members are guaranteed access to amazing teaching tools, including innovative lesson plans and invigorating textbooks.

And that's not all. Through CAP's Aerospace Education Excellence Program, educators are provided national standards-based activity books that emphasize the connection of aviation and space to history, math, science and other subject areas.

Aerospace education members can also apply for an Aerospace Education Foundation grant of \$250. And, through CAP's Fly A Teacher Program, you can take advantage of a special orientation flight. Plus, you can participate in the biannual National Conference on Aviation and Space Education, where you can expand your classroom's horizons by interacting with astronauts, pilots and leaders in aviation education.



*Cadets build an International Space Station module during a CAP aerospace education class.*