



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 Student of the Year Nomination Form

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



AWARD DESCRIPTION

The National ACE Student of the Year award is provided to a student who has proven himself or herself to be a future scientist, engineer, pilot, astronaut, or other STEM-related professional. Not only does he/she exhibit enthusiasm for aerospace, but he/she also has the qualities that make him/her a model student with traits such as good character; the desire to learn; the desire to excel; the ability to work well with others; and the determination to live a physically fit, healthy, and drug-free lifestyle. Ultimately, this individual has impressed upon his/her teacher and classmates that he/she has the “right stuff” (reference to America’s first seven astronauts), and even if a STEM-related career does not become a reality, he/she will be a successful, contributing member of society. Receiving this award will honor the student's standout performance in the ACE program and will help fuel the student’s interest in aerospace as he/she may be part of the future aerospace/STEM workforce of America.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Must be a student in grades K – 6 who is participating in the ACE program.
2. Must have participated in at least 10 ACE lessons with his/her class.
3. Must have at least a C average in all academic subjects.
4. Must have displayed enthusiasm for and interest in aerospace/STEM while maintaining good character and striving to be physically fit.
5. Must have impressed upon his/her teacher that he/she has the “right stuff” and could easily be a future scientist, engineer, pilot, astronaut, or other STEM-related professional.
6. Student’s teacher must be an aerospace education member (AEM) of Civil Air Patrol teaching the ACE program.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Any of the students’ current ACE teachers may nominate a student who meets the criteria for the selection of ACE Student of the Year. Complete and email the completed nomination form and any associated attachments. Please submit all nomination documentation by **April 25** of the current school year so that the winner can be announced before school is out for the summer. Submit/attach any pictures, student work samples, or other material to support the nomination. Photos of the student engaged in ACE activities while wearing ACE shirt (if available) is preferable.

Email completed nomination package to ace@capnhq.gov.

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

1. Name of student _____

2. Student’s grade level _____

3. Name/City/State of School _____

4. Name of student’s teacher submitting nomination _____

*Teacher phone # or email address: _____

5. In how many ACE lessons did the student successfully participate? _____

6. As one of the student's teachers, explain (in no more than one page added to this) why you feel the nominee is deserving of the National ACE Student of the Year award. Be sure to include information about the student’s character (and leadership skills, if applicable). Include information about the student’s interest and participation in aerospace activities.