



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 School of the Year Nomination Form

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



AWARD DESCRIPTION

The National ACE School of the Year award is provided to a school that has gone above and beyond to make aerospace/STEM subjects an important part of their school's atmosphere and instruction. The type of school deserving of this award has students who know what it means to be part of the ACE program and who are excited about participating. Additionally, the school is filled with teachers who do their best to make the ACE program a visible and viable part of their classroom instruction. The school, as a whole, has met or exceeded the ACE program school-wide implementation guidelines in an exemplary manner.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Participating teachers **must be teaching the ACE program** as Aerospace Educator Members (AEMs) or educators who are squadron members of Civil Air Patrol.
2. All grade level teachers at the school should be registered participants in the program.
3. Participating classes should have each completed at least 10 ACE lessons.
4. School must have executed the ACE program and promoted aerospace/STEM education in an enthusiastic and exemplary manner.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Any current principal, assistant principal, counselor, or teacher within the school may nominate their school provided the school meets the ACE School of the Year criteria. Complete and email the completed nomination form and any attachments no later than **April 25** so that the winner can be announced before school is out for the summer. **Submit any additional information, pictures, student samples, news articles, or other material to support your school's nomination for ACE School of the Year. Ensure any student photos have permission to use publicly. Email the completed nomination package to ace@capnhq.gov.**

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

1. Name/City/State of School _____
2. Person/Title submitting nomination _____
3. # of teachers participating in the ACE program at each grade level (participation is defined as being a CAP member and teaching at least 6 ACE lessons in the teacher's classroom to students)
 K _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____
 Other participants involved (i.e. counselor, PE, librarian, etc.) _____
4. # of teachers who will have completed pre/post tests by the end of the year _____
5. # of teachers who had a method (beyond verbal) of acknowledging successful student completion of ACE lessons _____ Please briefly describe method(s) in #8.
6. # of teachers who purchased and had their students wear ACE shirts on ACE days _____
7. Did each class have at least 10 ACE lessons taught to them? (yes or no) _____

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8. Explain why your school is deserving of the ACE School of the Year award. Use as much space as is needed using the next text page. Please attach photos, news articles or other documentation for the award. Be sure to include the following in your answer, as is applicable:
- a. Description of school's ACE "Lift-Off" or ACE culminating event (if applicable)
 - b. Information regarding guest speakers or parent involvement specifically related to the ACE program (if applicable)
 - c. Any student success stories related to the ACE program
 - d. Any school success stories due to the ACE program (increased test scores or other significant school improvement due to this program)
 - e. Any students who joined the local CAP squadron (if applicable)
 - f. Details of how aerospace/STEM education was promoted at the school aside from teaching ACE lessons (if applicable)
 - g. Details of how aerospace was used to promote good character and/or physical fitness beyond presenting the ACE lessons (if applicable)
 - h. Efforts to promote the ACE program to the community (if applicable)
 - i. A list of participating teachers and the number of ACE lessons they each personally presented to their class (include PE & counselor if applicable)
 - j. Any media coverage your school received due to its involvement in the ACE program

Add any discussion for this award in the text box: