

# Pilot & Combat Systems Officer Opportunities



## OVERVIEW

Air Force ROTC offers eligible cadets the opportunity to compete for rewarding careers as Air Force Pilots and Combat Systems Officers (CSOs)\*. Cadets selected for these coveted positions are among the “best” AFROTC has to offer and they are only awarded a pilot or CSO allocation after persisting through an exceedingly competitive selection process.

Cadets selected for these positions will undergo up to two years of intense training in their respective career fields before being assigned to operational Air Force units. Air Force pilot and CSO positions are open to both men and women to include front line fighters, special operational aircraft, and remotely piloted vehicles.

## CAREER INFORMATION

### *Pilot*

Flying the most advanced aircraft in the world is only one of the many responsibilities associated with a career as an Air Force pilot. Your leadership skills and character are of paramount importance as you take charge of training and commanding crews to accomplish missions. Each type of pilot specializes in different aircraft and skill sets.

### *Combat Systems Officer*

A career as an Air Force CSO requires tremendous efficiency, attention to detail and strong leadership skills. You’re the eyes of your fellow Airmen and Aviators, using high-tech equipment to ensure mission completion. You’re also responsible

for training Airmen in your particular area of expertise.

Additional information is available on the AFROTC website:  
<http://afrotc.com/careers/opportunities/flight>.

## BASE ELIGIBILITY

All pilot and CSO applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be of legal age as required by the state in which you will be attending ROTC or 17 years old with parent or guardian consent
- Enroll full-time in a school offering Air Force ROTC
- Achieve qualifying scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
- Maintain a minimum required grade point average
- Receive a waiver for any civil involvement (this may be a disqualifying factor)
- Be commissioned prior to reaching the age of 29

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Pass a Class 1 Flight Physical
- Have a standing height of 64 to 77 inches and a sitting height of 34 to 40 inches
- Have no history of hay fever, asthma or allergies after 12
- Meet Air Force weight requirements

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<http://afrotc.com/admissions/requirements-standards/>

## VISION

All pilot and CSO applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have normal color vision
- Meet refraction accommodation and astigmatism requirements
- Corrective eye surgery could be a disqualifier
- All corrected vision must be 20/20
- The uncorrectable limits are as follows

	Distant	Near
Pilot	20/70	20/30
CSO	20/200	20/40

## SELECTION

The Pilot/CSO selection board will be focus on the following items:

- Commander’s class ranking and Field Training Flight Commander’s ranking
- Cumulative college GPA (the average selectee has a 3.3 GPA) – College major (declared degree) is not a factor
- Overall Pilot Candidate Selection Method (PCSM) score for pilots or Navigator score on the AFOQT for CSOs
- Physical Fitness Scores – Selectees must be evaluated to be in excellent physical shape

\* CSO previously known as Navigator