



***AFSA – EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM
Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma***

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All AFSA 985 members,

The Thunderbirds Chapter 985 of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), Tinker Air Force Base, is proud to have the opportunity to offer educational grants ranging from \$250 - \$500 not to exceed \$2,500 of Chapter 985 funds for active AFSA Chapter 985 members. Any additional funds from outside organizations will be evenly distributed amongst the grants awarded.

AFSA is an international organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Air Force enlisted personnel and their families. In an effort to live up to this goal it is Chapter 985's hope to relieve a portion of its member's financial burden that comes along with pursuing a degree/certification. All current active Chapter 985 members in good standing are eligible to apply.

Attached you will find the copies of the eligibility criteria and application. You may make as many copies of the application package as necessary. The committee must receive all packages no later than **18 November 2021**. No extensions to this deadline will be granted. Mailing instructions are included on the application or you may call to arrange delivery of the packages or email scanned documents to **terry.turner@cox.net**. If you have any questions, please contact me at **(405) 420-5286**, or via e-mail, at **terry.turner@cox.net**. **Please ensure you maintain a copy of submitted package for your records.**

Sincerely,

//Signed//TLT//5 Nov 2021

Terry L. Turner
Chapter Historian

Attachments:

1. Eligibility Requirements
2. Application Instructions
3. Educational Grant Application (All Categories)
4. AFSA Chapter 985 Education Grant Rules and Conditions
5. Score sheet

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AFSA CHAPTER 985
EDUCATION GRANT**

1. Applicant must be an active AFSA Chapter 985 member in good standing as of time of submission and membership shall not expire during award period. (Good standing defined as, membership is paid and current, not in lapse or termination status. (The Award period is defined **1 Jan 2021 – 31 Dec 2021**)
2. Applicant must be planning to attend some kind of continuing education and be able to show proof of attendance and acceptance for coming academic school year (if applicable). Applicant is required to show proof of GPA if applicable as indicated below (Note) If GPA is not yet established, member is required to state it in application, and this factor will not be a disqualifying factor for application process:

GPA of at least 2.5 for any accredited 2, 4 year or community college and or GED required for planned attendance at a Vocational Technical School or Commercial Business School (i.e. American School of Business, Beauty College, etc.)

3. Applications will be accepted from **5 Nov 2021 through 18 Nov 2021**. All applications must be received no later than **18 Nov 2021**. No extensions will be granted for any reasons. Applications should be mailed to the address provided at the bottom of the application or e-mailed to **terry.turner@cox.net**. Applications should be mailed in a 9" X 12" envelope and clearly marked to the attention of the AFSA 985 Grant Committee. Decisions of the selection committee are final and will be announced virtually at the earliest available date **on/or after 9 Dec 2021** due to no scheduled AFSA Chapter 985 General Membership Meeting being scheduled, but no later than **31 Dec 2021**, if necessary.
4. Any monies awarded will be paid directly to the awardees'. Monies not awarded will be returned to the chapter general fund.

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Instructions for Completing the Chapter 985 Grant Application

Any applications not complying with these instructions will not be judged!

1. All applications must be either typewritten manually or digitally (preferred) or legibly handwritten in black or blue reproducible ink. Sign and date application upon completion.
2. All spaces should be completed. If a question does not apply or the information is unavailable place N/A or unavailable in the space provided.
3. Answers requiring more space will be completed on a separate page. You may continue more than one answer on a separate sheet of paper; however, ensure you clearly identify which answer you are continuing.
4. You must include copies of the following substantiating documents with your application:
 - A. Most recent transcripts (to verify GPA), if applicable (It will *not* be a disqualifying factor if you have not established a GPA as of yet).
 - B. If applicable any letters of acceptance from schools you have applied for (even though you have not made a decision of which one you will be attending). (It will *not* be disqualifying factor if you have not received your acceptance letters as of yet).
 - C. Any other education related attachments you think may help. (class schedule)

Note: All applications and attachments become the property of AFSA Chapter 985 and will not be returned. Information will be protected in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 guidelines and will be shredded when no longer needed. Do **NOT** send original documents because documents submitted will not be returned.

5. Persons selected to receive a grant will be notified via email or phone and will be listed in the next virtual general membership meeting minutes. Each applicant will be notified of selection/non-selection via e-mail provided a valid e-mail address was included in the application.
6. Sign this form and attach to your application. Mail your completed grant application package and all required materials to:

AFSA CHAPTER 985
Attn: GRANT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 45649
TINKER AFB, OK 73145

OR BY E-MAIL TO terry.turner@cox.net

7. Completed application package must reach AFSA Chapter 985 **no later than 18 Nov 2021** . Upon receipt, a confirmation email will be sent provided one is provided in grant package. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of digital submission or 3 days for mail, please contact AFSA Chapter 985 at **terry.turner@cox.net** or text or call **405.420.5286**. Please note, this is responsibility of applicant.

8. If you have questions regarding the program or application process, email AFSA Chapter 985 at **terry.turner@cox.net**.

Applicant:

I have reviewed the instructions and I have a clear understanding of the requirements and procedures hence forward.

Signature

Date

E-mail address: _____ / _____ (Please provide work/home)

Phone Number: _____ (Please provide a day/night time contact number)

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**AIR FORCE SERGEANT'S ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 985
GRANT APPLICATION**

This application must be completely filled out, place N/A in any non-applicable/non-available blanks. Any answers needing explanations, which will not fit in the space allowed, may be completed on a separate piece of paper and attached. All applications should be either **typed (manually or digital) or legibly handwritten in black or blue reproducible ink**. All monies awarded will be paid in a lump sum, directly to the awardees provided adequate proof of continuing education attendance or acceptances are produced within the coming academic year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Please check the appropriate category listed below:

CATEGORY

AFAD

AFRC

ANG

RETIRED

NAME: _____ AFSA MEMBERSHIP #/Exp: _____ / _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ HOW LONG: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Note: If GPA has not been established at the present time, please state that in space provided.

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED/LOCATION: _____

GRAD DATE (If Applicable): _____

GPA: _____ ACADEMIC HONORS: _____

(LIST ALL IN ORDER FROM MOST RECENT BACK) (USE A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED)

COLLEGE ATTENDED: _____

DEGREE DATE RCVD/EXPECTED: _____

GPA: _____ ACADEMIC HONORS: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDED: _____

DEGREE DATE RCVD/EXPECTED: _____

GPA: _____ ACADEMIC HONORS: _____

LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

LIST THREE (3) EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN AND POSITIONS HELD:

LIST THREE (3) COMMUNITY/CHURCH TYPE ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN AND POSITIONS HELD:

LIST THREE (3) PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG AND POSITIONS HELD:

COLLEGE/CAREER OBJECTIVES:

PLANNED MAJOR/MINOR: _____

COLLEGE(S) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND/ARE ATTENDING:

HOURS YOU ARE PLANNING TO TAKE THIS TERM: _____

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

ANTICIPATED COST OF SEMESTER/TERM TUITION: _____

ANTICIPATED COST OF ANNUAL TUITION: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS NAME/AGE/OCCUPATION:

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS YOUR EDUCATION BY OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, IF APPLICABLE:

ANY OTHER STUDENT LOANS/S RCVD/APPLIED FOR:

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT:

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT THIS GRANT AND WHY IT SHOULD BE AWARDED TO YOU. (NOT TO EXCEED 150 WORDS) (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO EXPLAIN WHAT CAREER PATH/PLAN YOU HAVE FOR THE FUTURE. (NOT TO EXCEED 150 WORDS) (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO EXPLAIN HOW YOU HAVE SHOWN AFSA LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEMOCRATIC PROCESS INVOLVEMENT, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADERSHIP. (NOT TO EXCEED 150 WORDS) (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER WHEN REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION:

PLEASE PROVIDE THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ADMISSIONS OFFICE ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, POINT OF CONTACT, AND E-MAIL INFORMATION THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING OR PLAN ON ATTENDING:

**PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, TO BE RECEIVED
BY 18 November 2021**

TO:

**AFSA CHAPTER 985
Attn: GRANT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 45649
TINKER AFB, OK 73145**

OR BY E-MAIL TO terry.turner@cox.net hereby certify (that) the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

All applications MUST be received by **18 Nov 2021**. The recipient's names will be announced in the next virtual General Membership Meeting or a predetermined place/time determined by the executive council.

AFSA Chapter 985 will award Grants not to exceed \$2,500 in chapter funds, any additional funds received by other organizations will be disbursed evenly to all grant recipients. The **Chapter 985 Executive Council reserves the right to change the number of grants and amount awarded based on number of applicants at any time.**

- Applicants: ADAF, AFRC, ANG, RETIRED

1. ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL:

- A. MILITARY STATUS (I.E...AD, RET, RES, GUARD, ETC...)
- B. MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF AFSA CHAPTER 985 IN GOOD STANDING
- C. MUST BE PLANNING OR HAS ATTENDED ANY KIND OF FURTHERING EDUCATION TO INCLUDE VO-TECH TRAINING AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESS TRAINING (I.E... AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, BEAUTY COLLEGE, ETC.) ON A FULL OR PART TIME BASIS
- D. GRADE REQUIREMENTS 2.5 FOR AN ACCREDITED 2, 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED:

- A. APPLICANT REQUIRED TO LIST ALL SOURCES OF EDUCATION SUPPORT RECEIVED
- B. APPLICANT REQUIRED TO LIST ALL FAMILY MEMBERS NAME, AGE, AND OCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

3. GRANTS DISBURSEMENTS:

- A. TOTAL FOR THE YEAR: NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 OF CHAPTER FUNDS
- B. MAXIMUM PER STUDENT PER YEAR IS \$500
- C. ITEMS PAID FOR: TUITION, BOOKS, DAYCARE, AND EQUIPMENT, ETC.
- D. HOW PAID: PAID DIRECTLY TO APPLICANT

4. GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- A. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - (1) PUBLICIZING THE AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS
 - (2) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED DURING THE ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCE PERIOD.
 - (3) SCREENING ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ONLY.
 - (4) ALL APPLICATIONS NOT MEETING THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY. AN EXPLANATION OF THE NON-QUALIFYING FACTORS WILL BE

(5) COMMITTEE WILL NOTIFY CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF RESULTS PRIOR TO ANY OTHER NOTIFICATIONS

5. WHEN MONIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED:

- A. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS WILL BE DUE NLT **18 NOV 2021**. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET 22 NOV 2021 TO MAKE SELECTIONS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON/OR SOON AFTER **9 DEC 2021** BUT NO LATER THAN **31 DEC 2021** AS DETERMINED BY GRANT COMMITTEE.
- B. MONIES WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE APPLICANT. AFSA CHAPTER 985 TREASURER WILL DISBURSE FUNDS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.

6. UNAwarDED GRANT FUNDS:

- A. UNSUSED FUNDS MAY BE RECOVERED BY THE CHAPTER AND DEPOSITED INTO THE CHAPTER BANK ACCOUNT IF NOT USED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY STUDENT(S)
- B. IF THE APPLICATION IS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE, MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES BEFORE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE OR FALSE OR THE APPLICANT IS NEGLIGENT IN MAINTAINING AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, AUTOMATIC DISMISAL FROM AFSA CHAPTER 985 GRANT PROGRAM WILL RESULT AND THE CHAPTER RETAINS THE RIGHT TO EITHER RECOUP PAID FUNDS FROM THE APPLICANT OR SEVER THE APPLICANTS CLAIM TO FURTHER MONIES.

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	NAME:	
VALUE	SCORING TOPIC	SCORE
P/F	1. Proof of current, past enrollment in 2021 or intent to enroll in an accredited program leading to a higher education degree or vocational certification	
0-25	2. Financial need of AFSA member	
0-25	3. Narrative statement describing extracurricular activities and their significance. This statement should also: emphasize those activities that indicate: personal development and dedication; discuss other distinguishing activities and academic accomplishment; Include undergraduate plans to include school, field of study, admission status, and future goals	
0-4	4. Overall GPA for applicant (Proof required at time of submission). Unofficial transcript is acceptable, web based transcript or progress report(s)	
0-10	5. Career path/plan to achieve educational goal and how grant award will be used (member must show plan for funds usage)	
0-36	6. AFSA Leadership, Teamwork, Community Service, accomplishments, democratic process involvement, community service leadership	
TOTAL		