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2007 Aerospace Leadership Scholarship



Col. Bob Mattes, USAF
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The Spaatz Association (TSA) is now accepting applications for its annual “Aerospace Leadership Scholarship”. Each \$2500.00 scholarship is intended to assist CAP Cadet leaders to make the transition from their solo to their private pilot’s license.

“This is the only scholarship available to CAP Cadets that rewards excellence in leadership by specifically targeting assistance to the development of civilian pilots and their continued growth as leaders,” explained Col. Bob Mattes, (USAF) TSA’s Scholarships Coordinator. ***“In 2006, three Cadets were awarded this scholarship. We are excited to announce that, in 2007, up to three scholarships will also be awarded”.***

The Spaatz Association’s membership consists of CAP Cadets and former CAP Cadets who have all earned The General Carl A. Spaatz Award. This is the highest Cadet Program achievement award with less than 1% of CAP Cadets achieving this capstone recognition. The Spaatz Association is also the only national organization to memorialize the life, times and career of General Carl A. Spaatz; the first Chief of Staff of The US Air Force and Civil Air Patrol’s first Chairman of the National Board.

Applications will be accepted through 30 September 2006 will be awarded at The Spaatz Association’s Mid-Winter event in March of 2007. For more information see TSA’s website at:

www.spaatz.org or www.tankerbob.com/scholar.htm



Who is the Scholarship recipient in this Mirage F-1?
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Purpose of The Spaatz Association

- Provide a fraternal organization for recipients of the Civil Air Patrol General Carl A. Spaatz Award.
- Promote and maintain the prestige of the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.
- Support and preserve the high standards of achievement required to attain the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.
- Provide an entity to harness the collective energy, enthusiasm, experience, and talent of the General Carl A. Spaatz Award recipients to assist in making the CAP Cadet Program the finest youth development program in America.
- Promote the development of positive personal characteristics, to include leadership, professionalism, integrity, and perseverance in America’s youth.



A Life-Changing Difference For Our Cadets...



Melissa L. Bland
Former CAP Cadet and
USAF Academy Cadet
Scholarship Recipient

Since 1997, The Spaatz Association's Aerospace Leadership Scholarship has been making a difference for CAP Cadets. Thanks to the devoted stewardship of Bob Mattes (Spaatz # 445) and his Scholarships Committee, 16 Cadets have been awarded nearly \$40,000.

The impact of these efforts is sometimes hard to gauge. Then we hear from a recipient who shares how a scholarship changed their life in the pursuit of a life-long ambition or dream!

We received the following testimonial from our 2000 Aerospace Leadership Scholarship recipient, Melissa Bland. Melissa is now graduating with the Class of 2005 from the United States Air Force Academy.

Her words convey how both the CAP Cadet Program and The Spaatz Association's scholarship prepared her for a life-time career of service to our Nation.

"...because of your scholarship, my dreams began in the cockpit and I knew that flying would be my life-long passion."

- Melissa Bland



"I received the Aerospace Leadership Scholarship just in time to begin my flight training during my senior year of high school.

After nearly a year of hard work beyond classes, extra-curricular activities and college applications, I received my Private Pilots' license. I would never have been able to afford my flight training if I did not receive this great scholarship!

Being able to fly in high school was very beneficial for me, because it secured my thoughts of wanting to be a pilot. As a result, I went on to enter the United States Air Force Academy as a member of the class of 2005. I have spent the last four years diligently training to become the best officer I can be....

I think back to where I have been and what started it all; I attribute all of my successes here at the Academy to my CAP experience. Because I was able to excel in CAP, I was a candidate for the Aerospace Leadership Scholarship, and because of your scholarship, my dreams began in the cockpit and I knew that flying would be my life-long passion...." - Melissa Bland, Class of 2005

We are proud of Melissa's personal commitment to excellence and achievement and wish her every success in her future endeavors!



Steve Austen
TSA President

These Scholarships are funded solely by membership dues and gifts from our benefactors. Cadets like Melissa Bland clearly demonstrate the value of this program. Your donation becomes a life-changing motivation for today's Cadets and is a powerful investment in their future

The Spaatz Association's vision is to build a permanent endowment to assure the perpetuity of this scholarship program. Your partnership and support is now needed - to participate please contact me at: president@spaatz.org. The Spaatz Association, Inc. is a 501(C) 3 tax-exempt organization -- **Steve Austen, TSA National President**

