



183^d Airlift Squadron MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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Introduction:

Thank you for your interest in a career with the 172^d Airlift Wing. This overall guide and application is designed to aid candidates applying for Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) with the 172^d Airlift Wing, 183^d Airlift Squadron, and Mississippi Air National Guard. It will aid in identifying the steps in applying for UPT. If selected, it will help point out commitments, specific training requirements, and respective durations. Finally, it will also cover what will be expected once UPT is completed.

Candidates should become thoroughly familiar with the information contained herein. The Interview Board may question understanding and acceptance of the policies and commitments set forth in this guide. Please fill out all forms and return to the below points of contact along with all other required documents to complete the application.

Points of Contact:

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172^d Recruiter
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USAF Requirements:

- Applicants must not be older than age 33 at the start of their assigned UPT class start date as well as less than 5 years of prior military commissioned service prior UPT start date. Applicants which apply to board past their 32nd birthday will most likely require a waiver request if selected by the board. *At this time waiver requests due to age are not being pursued.* – (AFI 36-2105; with exception to policy)
- Must be a U.S. Citizen capable of obtaining a Top Secret Security Clearance.
- Must be able to pass a United States Air Force flying class one physical and be in good overall health to meet Air Force Physical Fitness Standards.
- Must possess a 4-year college degree
- AFOQT with Minimum scores of 25 Pilot; 10 Quantitative; 15 Verbal
- PCSM/TBAS with minimum score of 10
- Eyes - Distance vision of 20/70 or better, corrected to 20/20 near vision of 20/20, uncorrected. Normal color vision
- Hearing – No significant loss
- Height/Weight - Standing Height 64" to 77"
- Sitting Height – 33" to 40" measured from the base of the spine
- Weight – Between 103 and 240 pounds and in relation to height
- Blood Pressure – Maximum of 140/90, measured in sitting position



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- Eye Surgery - Applicants who have had successful eye surgery more than one year prior to the interview date are eligible to apply. If applicable, the attached Corrective Eye Surgery Waiver Criteria Checklist must be completed by an eye care professional and submitted with your application

183^d AS Information:



Training Pipeline Overview:

- TFOT¹: 10 week TDY - Officer Commissioning - Maxwell AFB
- IFT^{1,2}: 4 week TDY - Initial Flight Training - ≈18 hours in Diamond 20 - Pueblo Colorado
- UPT: 52 week PCS - Flying the T-6 Texan II /T-1 Jayhawk/T-38 Talon*
- PIQ: 6 month TDY - C-17A Schoolhouse - Altus Oklahoma AFB
- Water/Combat Survival¹: 4 week TDY - Combat Survival School - Fairchild AFB
- Seasoning: 180 day PCS - Jackson Mississippi Air National Guard Base, then PCS to Home of Record
- Overall training pipeline is approximately 2 years from TFOT to return to 172^d Airlift Wing MS ANG as a Mission Ready C- 17A Pilot

¹Spouse and family may accompany to all except TFOT, IFT, and Survival Schools

²IFT is waived for candidates with FAA Private Pilot Certificate

* T-38 Talon Fighter Track has been used before in UPT for our members



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TFOT - Total Force Officer Training

[Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Commissioned as a United Air Force 2nd Lieutenant upon Graduation with a dual commissioning \(State and Federal\).](#)

IFT - Initial Flight Training

[IFT - Pueblo Airport, Colorado. 10 hours of ground training/18 hours of flight training \(13 dual flights and 1 solo\). Waived for candidates with FAA Private Pilot Certificate.](#)

UPT - Undergraduate Pilot Training (USAF Flight School)

[Laughlin AFB, TX; Columbus AFB, MS; Vance AFB, OK](#)

Phase 1 - Academic Classes and Pre-flight Training

Phase 2 - Academics, Simulators and Flight Training in the T-6 Texan II

Phase 3 - Advanced Academics, Simulator and Flight Training in the T-1 Jayhawk

PIQ - Pilot Initial Qualification (C-17A School House)

[Altus AFB, Altus, Oklahoma. C-17A - Instrument and Mission qualification. C-17 Specific Academics, Simulator and Flight Training.](#)

172^d Airlift Wing Mississippi Air National Guard Seasoning

[Jackson, MS 183rd Airlift Squadron. Local and Unit Indoctrination, Mission Qualification.](#)

Expectations After Training:

- 1 weekend per month (Unit Training Assembly/Drill)
- 2 weeks of Annual Training
- 1 week of Annual Simulator Refresher Training
- Allowed up to 72 Additional Flying Training Periods (AFTPs)
- Current and Qualified: Varies with individual experience. Showing up and flying once a month will not cut it. Expectation is to be proficient in the aircraft and have the basic knowledge and proficiency of a co-pilot and to progress accordingly.
- Be a current and qualified member of the 183d Airlift Squadron in good standing.

Testing Information:

Note: These tests can take a considerable amount of time to coordinate; plan accordingly. Applicant is responsible for coordinating their own testing schedules.

[AFOQT: Air Force Officer Qualifying Test- Required for all USAF officer applicants](#)

[TBAS: Test of Basic Aviation Skills](#)



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[PCSM: Pilot Candidate Selection Method](#)

- PCSM = Pilot specific portions of AFOQT combined with TBAS and flight time.

Application Package: Digitally Required in PDF format to max extent possible

- Cover Letter (*In one page, why the 183^d Airlift Squadron?*)
- Color Photo (*Head & shoulder photo required; Attach to 183 questionnaire*)
- Current Resume (*Limit to one page*)
- Official Electronic College Transcripts (*Contact MSgt Hartley Welker with pin/access code or questions*)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (*No family members*)
 - Recommendations addressed to "183^d AS UPT Selection Board Members"
 - Include their contact information (*Attach to 183 questionnaire*)
- 183^d Airlift Squadron Questionnaire
- [AFOQT Scores](#)
- [PCSM/TBAS Scores](#)
- Color photocopies of civilian pilot ratings, certificates, & last page of Logbook (*If Applicable*)
- AF Form 24
- AF Form 2030
- DD Form 2807-2
- DD Form 369
- Corrective eye care surgery waiver checklist (*If applicable*)
- **MILITARY ADDENDUM**
 - All EPRs/OPRs
 - Section Supervisor Contact Information
 - [RIP; Report on Individual Personnel](#)
 - [Fitness Report \(AFMSS II\)](#)
 - DD Form 214 or NGB 22 (*If applicable*)
 - AF Form 422 or DD Form 2992 (*If applicable*)
 - Individual Medical Readiness report from ASIMS or other DOD branch equivalent
 - Military Flying Class 1 (*If applicable*)



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- ALL AF Form 8's (*Enlisted rated position*)
- AF Form 942 (*Enlisted rated position*)
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 30 July 2021**
- Interviews will be determined at a later date; applicants will be notified. Tentatively September UTA:
Date TBD
- Turn in a fully completed package with **ALL** required documents on time (This is a delivered by date, **NOT** a postmarked by date)
 - Submit the 183^d Airlift Squadron Questionnaire Form upon completion using the submit button in Adobe
 - Save application portfolio as **LASTNAME_183dUPT2021** and all attachments (one digital PDF if possible) and email with subject title as **LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, 183d UPT 2021** to Ryan.OQuinn@us.af.mil & Hartley.Welker@us.af.mil
- If unable to email application please mail to:

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Jackson, MS 39232-8881

Tips for Selection:

- Keep the contents of the application package professional, remember application package is a representation of yourself. Quality of application package shows attention to detail.
- Make sure you **MEET ALL** requirements/prerequisites, any questions/comments should be directed to the 183^d Points of Contact.
- Study for the AFOQT, you can only take it twice and last test scores are the final (not a combination of the highest of the two).
- Know basic facts about the mission and aircraft via thisguide. Do research.
- Make an effort to visit the unit several months prior to the deadline. You are getting to know us as much as we are getting to know you. Please use the listed POCs to schedule opportunities to visit us during any Saturday UTA/Drill in the months leading up to the interview.
- Brush up on interview skills, the interview is a panel interview with 6-9 members of the 183^d Hiring board.
- **GOOD LUCK!!!!**



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