

The Dream Is Within Reach

By Capt. Steven Solomon

With Spartan College Scholarships Offered Exclusively to CAP Cadets

Do cadets have life goals?

Sure they do. And the goals of Civil Air Patrol's 12- to 20-year-old members are often limitless.

But how often have the desires of cadets for a career in aviation been unattainable because of the high cost of a college education?

Well, that expensive dream is no longer impossible to achieve.

Cadets who are interested in a career in aviation as a mechanic, technician or pilot but are concerned about how they would pay for their education now have one less worry.

Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology in Tulsa, Okla., provides the largest combined dollar value of college scholarships ever offered in Civil Air Patrol history.

These include an annual full-tuition scholarship valued at about \$35,000 for technology studies at Spartan; an annual partial-tuition scholarship valued at about \$10,000 for flight studies at Spartan; and eight annual tuition-reduction scholarships — one for a cadet in each

of CAP's regions — valued at \$5,000 apiece for studies in any Spartan program.

The college is also offering a one-time \$1,000 tuition-reduction scholarship to every cadet in good standing who enrolls.

"This is truly a wonderful opportunity for our cadets, aviation and our

nation," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter, who set the process in motion when



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More than 23 aircraft are available on site for maintenance training at Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology in Tulsa, Okla.

she met a Spartan College official at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Expo. “This is an important new program that will reap long-term benefits for the future development of Civil Air Patrol’s members. It shows our commitment to our aerospace education mission — and the AFA conference was a terrific place to make the right connections with a great new partner like Spartan College.”

“We, too, are very excited about this partnership,” said Jeremy Gibson, Spartan’s president and CEO, “and hope that many CAP cadets decide to embark on an exciting and rewarding aviation career by enrolling at Spartan.”

Founded in 1928 by oilman W.G. Skelly, the college has graduated more than 90,000 aviation mechanics, technicians and pilots.

As part of the agreement, Spartan will be recognized as a CAP corporate sponsor and will present the two annual national scholarships — called the W.G. Skelly Civil Air Patrol National Technological Scholarship and the W.G. Skelly Civil Air Patrol National Flight Scholarship — at the CAP National Board and Annual Conference. Spartan also will provide a vendor booth, and a representative will deliver a short presentation at the conference every year.

Spartan aircraft abundant

Spartan is a private technical college offering certificates, diplomas, associate of applied science degrees and bachelor’s degrees. With more than

247,000 square feet of training facilities located at two airports, the college has nearly 50 aircraft and three simulators for instruction, including Cessna 152s, 172s and 172 RGs; Piper Seminoles; two Frasca 141 Visual Flight Simulators for single-engine; and one Frasca 142 Visual

Scholarship Criteria

The following criteria will be applied for the two Spartan national scholarships:

- Be a high school senior or graduate;
- Be a current CAP cadet in good standing;
- Have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award;
- Maintain a 3.5 grade-point average (normalized);
- Be of high moral character;
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership in Civil Air Patrol;
- Demonstrate high level of professionalism in appearance both in and out of uniform;
- Receive a recommendation from the region commander; and
- Provide a summary of the cadet’s accomplishments.

The criteria to apply for what is being called the Spartan regional scholarship include:

- Be a high school senior or graduate;
- Be a current CAP cadet in good standing;
- Have earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award;
- Maintain a 3.0 grade-point average (normalized);
- Be of high moral character;
- Receive a recommendation from the unit commander; and
- Provide a summary of the cadet’s accomplishments.

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Flight Simulator for multi-engine. Real-time weather information is provided in flight operations and interactive media materials, charts, cutaway models, display boards, video and mock-ups. The Spartan maintenance program includes 23 aircraft for training purposes as well as other training aids, mock-ups and equipment. A Spartan housing complex, located near the main campus, provides housing for students attending without family.

More information about Spartan is available online at www.spartan.edu, by calling 1-800-331-1204 or by e-mail at spartan@mail.spartan.edu. ▲



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