

Application Process

The application process for all summer training courses must be completed electronically through Fortress.

The following documents are required for all National Summer Training Courses and are to be submitted to the respective ACL PC by the candidate's CO:

- **Participation Application:** for each candidate printed from Fortress.
- **School Report:** A photocopy of the school reports as specified by the ACP PC;
- **Narrative:** Candidates must explain, in a one page typed personal narrative, why they would like to participate in the course applied for. The narrative is to be signed and dated by the candidate. If the candidate applies for more than one National Summer Training Course, a narrative must be submitted for each course;
- **Cadet Service record:** A cadet service record printed out from Fortress; and
- **Course or staff cadet report:** A photocopy (or copies printed from Fortress) of the most recent course report or staff cadet evaluation report.

GPS/PPS Candidates: The following documents are also required:

- Photocopies (or copies printed from Fortress) of all previous aviation related course reports (GPS, AAC, BAC, ITAC, etc);
- Photocopy of the Medical Certificate, if in the candidate's possession; and
- **For GPS Only:** a completed CATO 54-26, Annex B, GPS – Height and Weight Form.

IACE Candidates: The following documents are also required:

- Three (3) completed IACE Association Information Forms, each with a passport photo glued in the appropriate location;
- A one page report written by the candidate's Sqn CO; and
- A photocopy of page 3 of the candidate's passport. If the passport has not been received, a photocopy of the candidate's birth certificate shall be included.

Oskosh Candidates: The following documents are also required:

- A photocopy of page 3 of the candidate's passport. If the passport has not been received, a photocopy of the candidate's birth certificate shall be included.

All Participation Applications must be accessible by RCSU(Pra)/Air Trg in Fortress **no later than 15 January.**

Printed forms from Fortress, including all required documents, shall be submitted to the ACL PC or to the Regional Air Trg O IAW directives issued by your ACL PC/RCSU.

Preparation

Applicants for National Courses are expected to participate in preparation sessions prior to applications being submitted and continuing until Selection Board Interviews. See the office staff for more details.

Selection Board Interviews

Interviews conducted by the Air Cadet League Provincial Committee will be to select the applicants for training. These interviews are normally to take place during the month of February.

Commitment

Considering the limited number of vacancies and the cost of training, it is very important that the cadets nominated are serious and ready to return to their sqn so that other cadets can benefit from their newly acquired experience, skills and knowledge.

Responsibilities

Cadets are responsible for enquiring about requirements, and for submitting all the required documents prior to the deadline established by the Sqn CO.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for confirming that all information provided by their son/daughter/ward is correct.

Sqn Staff are responsible for ensuring the participation application filled out completely, for confirming that all required information/documents is provided and correct. Sqn Staff are also responsible for ensuring that cadets meet all prerequisites for the courses they applied for.

Sqn Staff are responsible for providing guidance and information to their cadets.

Remember

Submitting an application for a National Course does not mean you are selected for summer training. All applications are forwarded to the Air Cadet League Provincial Committee and all applications must be reviewed. IACE, PPS and GPS applicants must be interviewed before selections are made. The Sqn CO can only recommend your selection.



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International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE)

The IACE is intended only for outstanding senior cadets who will represent Canada with distinction. Selection requirements include: outstanding Air cadet record, good school record, excellent personal characteristics, including appearance, dependability, cooperation and the ability to communicate effectively.

Duration: 2 to 3 weeks, depending on country visited;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Minimum age: 17 years old by August 1st of the year the exchange is held. This prerequisite is mandatory.

Sqn proficiency level: Level 5 successfully completed by the end of the current training year.

Power Pilot Scholarship (PPS) Glider Pilot Scholarship (GPS)

Candidates must meet all established requirements laid down, including age, medical standards and Canadian Forces (CF) qualifying exam. Another important factor is motivation. Candidates must demonstrate a sincere interest in learning to fly and that they are prepared to commit to the demanding study time required to become a pilot. Recommendations should also consider the interest of the candidate in contributing as future pilots or instructors to the cadet flying programs.

Duration: PPS: 7 weeks, and
GPS: 6 weeks;

Maximum number of candidates: The maximum number of candidates per sqn who may be selected for each scholarship is based on the Registered Cadets Monthly Average:

80 or less: 2 candidates,

81 to 120: 3 candidates,

121 to 160: 4 candidates, and

161 or more: 5 candidates;

Minimum age: This prerequisite is mandatory

PPS: 17 years old by September

1st of the year the course is taken, and

GPS: 16 years old by September 1st of the year the course is taken;

Sqn proficiency level: PPS: level 4 successfully completed by the end of the current training year, and
GPS: level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year;

CF Qualifying Exam: This prerequisite is mandatory. The purpose of this exam is to ensure that all candidates possess a basic knowledge in the required aviation subjects.

Education: PPS: completed Grade 10 by nomination deadline, and GPS: completed Grade 9 by nomination deadline;

Minimum medical standards: This prerequisite is mandatory.

Physical limitations - Glider: An Air cadet glider imposes certain physical limitations in regard to weight and size of the pilot. A person's size must be such that one can sit, comfortably positioned, with good visibility in all directions as well as being able to reach the controls for full movement. The physical limitations are:

Minimum: height 152.4 cm (no shoes/boots, socks only), weight 40.82 kg, and

Maximum: height 190.5 cm, weight 90.72 kg;

Required Funds: When reporting for training, cadets must have the funds to cover the following costs:

(1) PPS: Transport Canada Examination fee and Private Pilot Licence application fee, for an approximate total of \$160, and

(2) GPS: Transport Canada Examination fee and Glider Pilot Licence application fee, for an approximate total of \$160;

Previous licences: Cadets who hold any Transport Canada pilot licence or permit are not eligible for the GPS; and

NOTE: Applicants may apply for only one of IACE, PPS or GPS.

Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Airport Operations (AATC-AO)

The aim of the training is to introduce cadets to programming specific to airport operations. The aim will be accomplished through practical, hands-on learning modules that will reinforce theoretical notions. By establishing a dynamic learning environment and exposing the cadets to a variety of airport operations, they will be inspired to further pursue learning in this program area.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: Ontario;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year.

Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Aircraft Maintenance (AATC-AM)

The aim of the training is to introduce cadets to aircraft construction and maintenance. The aim will be accomplished through practical, hands-on learning modules that will reinforce theoretical notions. By establishing a dynamic learning environment and exposing the cadets to a variety of aircraft construction and maintenance functions, they will be inspired to further pursue learning in this program area.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: Ontario;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year.

Advanced Aerospace Course (AASC)

The aim of the training is to develop a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aerospace activities within the Air cadet program.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: Quebec;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year.

Oshkosh Trip (OT)

The Oshkosh Trip provides an opportunity for cadets to participate in various aspects of aviation. It is also an opportunity to visit another country as part of their education in international affairs. The destination is Oshkosh, Wisconsin in the United States, home to one of the most important Air shows in the world. Various activities linked to the world of aviation are also scheduled. In addition to the air show, cadets will visit aviation museums and take part in some flights as a passenger.

Duration: 2 weeks;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year;