

CAP Core Values

Reading for Adult Member Applicants

Thank you for applying for membership in Civil Air Patrol. Please take a few moments to read this brief statement about our missions, values, and expectations. The Unit Membership Board will meet with you soon to discuss your application, in light of the basic principles listed below.

CAP's Missions

- Aerospace** Aviation, space, and technology are interests that CAP members hold in common. One of our missions is to provide opportunities for our members and the public at large to learn more about this exciting field.
- Cadets** Today's cadets are tomorrow's aerospace leaders. Through our Cadet Program, CAP transforms youth aged 12 to 20 into responsible citizens.
- Emergency Services** We perform humanitarian missions, serving our communities in disaster relief, search and rescue, organ transport, radio communications, and in numerous other ways.

Core Values Our Core Values are moral signposts that we use to guide us in every decision, in every action we perform.

- Integrity** Being honest and willing to abide by our regulations and safety protocols is the price of admission to CAP.
- Volunteer Service** We are unpaid professionals who welcome newcomers willing to contribute their time and talents to our important work.
- Excellence** Our organization and its individual members are open to new ideas because we want to find the best ways to serve the community.
- Respect** There is something for everyone in CAP, so we welcome everyone, give one another the benefit of the doubt, put aside personal differences, and try hard to get along and have fun.

Youth Protection

- Zero Tolerance** The Cadet Program provides opportunities for positive, age-appropriate challenge. We do not tolerate physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in CAP. All CAP adult members are expected to be positive role models, even if they rarely interact with cadets.
- Supervision** We use "two deep leadership." Every cadet activity is supervised by at least two screened and trained adult members. We avoid unnecessary one-on-one conduct by not meeting with cadets behind closed doors, and if driving cadets (other than one's own children), having a third person in the vehicle. Parents are always welcome to visit our activities; we have no "secret" meetings.
- Professionalism** Fraternalization between senior members and cadets is always prohibited, even if the cadet has reached the age of majority.
- Training** You'll learn more about these principles during the "Cadet Protection Basic Course," shortly after you join.

Air Force Affiliation

CAP is both a private, non-profit corporation chartered by the U.S. Congress, and an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, when performing missions tasked to us by them. Consequently, we have a special responsibility to honor the public's trust in us. A seriousness of purpose guides our work in all mission areas.