



AMELIA EARHART AWARD FACT SHEET

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The **Amelia Earhart Award** honors the late Amelia Earhart, aviatrix, advocate, and pioneer, who set many records for women aviators in aviation's infancy, and who was lost while attempting to be the first woman to circumnavigate the globe.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, has a three missions: Aerospace Education of the American people, Emergency Services, and the Cadet Program. The Cadet Program provides opportunities for the learning, maturing, accepting, and nurturing of leadership to over 26,000 young Americans from 12 to 20 years of age. With the advice and assistance from CAP Senior Members and the US Air Force, cadets are exposed to a structured program comprised of aerospace education, leadership, special activities, physical fitness, and moral and ethical values through group and individual activities.

This structured Cadet Program is divided into sixteen segments, called achievements, involving study and performance in the five program areas. Upon completion of each achievement, the cadet earns increased responsibility, decorations, awards, eligibility for national and international special activities, and opportunities for both flight and academic scholarships.

The second milestone of the Cadet Program is the **Amelia Earhart Award**, which is earned after the receipt of the General Billy Mitchell Award and the completion of the first eleven achievements of the Cadet Program. In addition, the cadet must pass a comprehensive 100-question examination covering aerospace topics, leadership theory and staff duties. To highlight the significance of this accomplishment, as of the «Day» of «Month» «Year», «Number» cadets have earned this award since its inception in 1964.

In accordance with its importance within the Cadet Program, the **Amelia Earhart Award** is normally presented by a CAP Wing Commander (or higher) or a state or federal government elected official. Once a cadet earns the Earhart Award, he or she is promoted to the grade of Cadet Captain. Any cadet who has received this award, and who later enters CAP's Senior Member program, is eligible for immediate promotion to CAP 1st Lieutenant at age 21.

Cadets who receive the **Amelia Earhart Award** also enjoy all the benefits gained from earning the General Billy Mitchell Award. Additionally, these Earhart Award cadets are now eligible to apply for participation in the International Air Cadet Exchange.