

PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD 171ST AIR REFUELING WING



UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING APPLICATION WORKBOOK

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This document contains information regarding your application for Undergraduate Pilot Training with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in Pittsburgh. It contains the eligibility and application requirements. Prior boards application packages were submitted via paper copy. We have now moved to a fully online application and documentation submission. It also includes all of the important information that you will need to be considered for an interview.

The 171st Air Refueling Wing is located adjacent to the Pittsburgh International Airport. Our primary mission is in-flight refueling. The unit is comprised of two flying squadrons, the 146th and 147th with 16 KC-135T aircraft assigned. The unit employs about 800 Traditional Guardsmen and about 400 full-time personnel.

We routinely fly local sorties daily and 2-3 aircraft are deployed stateside or overseas at any given time. In peacetime the 171st Air Refueling Wing is assigned to the State of Pennsylvania serving the Governor as our Commander in Chief. If the unit is federally activated for any reason, our Commander in Chief is the President of the United States.

If selected for a pilot position, your obligation to the Air National Guard will be 10 years of service upon completion of training. You will be required to fly at least 4 sorties per month, attend 1 drill weekend each month and be available for off base deployments each year.

Selection as an alternate does not guarantee future selection for a training slot. If you are not selected as a primary candidate, you will have to compete with all other applicants again on future selection boards.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Recruiting Office, MSgt Lindsey Brent at lindsey.brent@us.af.mil or via phone: 412-776-7494.

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This workbook describes the application process for individuals interested in becoming a pilot in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Individuals must meet the requirements established by the United States Air Force and those of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

ELIGIBILITY

AGE: The age regulation for ANG pilots states that a candidate must not be beyond their 33rd birthday by that date as specified in the individual unit's Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board announcement message. For our Spring Board of 2022 the specified date is 06 August 2022.

EDUCATION: A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university is required. **If you are enrolled in your final year at the time of the interview, your application will be considered.**

-For final semester/ year graduates interviewing during your final semester, you must submit a letter from your Dean or registrar stating that you will graduate at the end of the semester/ year based on current course load along with transcripts.

AFOQT: The Air Force Officers Qualification Test is mandatory prior to your application being considered. This test takes approximately 5 hours and may be scheduled through our recruiting office if you are a Non Prior Service applicant at (412) 776-7494. If you are Prior Service you will have to contact our Training Office at 412-776-7318. If you do not reside in Pittsburgh, call a local Air Force Recruiter to schedule this test. Minimum Scores required are:

VERBAL: 15

QUANTITATIVE: 10

PILOT: 25

NAVIGATOR: 25

TOTAL: 50 (the minimum required score when adding pilot and navigator totals)

These scores are minimum scores required to pass the AFOQT, and the 171ARW will not accept applications with failing scores. The scores of this test are a factor in the interview process. It is strongly recommended that you prepare for this test. You will find study material at most bookstores and libraries that carry SAT preparatory material.

PHYSICAL: All pilot applicants must be in excellent physical and psychological health. You must include in your application the Medical Prescreening Form, which is provided in this workbook. Minimum vision requirements are 20/70 corrected to 20/20 with no exception. You must have full hearing in both ears and meet height and weight standards. **Eye surgeries can be a bar to a commission in the Air National Guard. If you have had surgery to correct vision, be prepared to provide documentation. If you are considering corrective surgery, we highly suggest that you consult with a Military Flight Surgeon first. You can contact our flight surgeons office at 412-776-7328.**

MORAL STANDARD: This section involves criminal history. A local application is included in this workbook. Any law violations, including juvenile offenses and traffic violations must be documented on this application. Law violations do not necessarily disqualify an individual **but non-disclosure of any offense is disqualifying**. If selected, a federal background check will be initiated as part of the security clearance requirement.

APPLICATION PACKAGE: This workbook includes the items that are mandatory in your application package. **A package will only be considered for an interview if it is complete.** For any required item that is not included, you must attach a letter of explanation in the online application.

PILOT ONLINE APPLICATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS MANDATORY

Online Application can be found at the link below

<https://forms.gle/WYgSLDtZQmDyFF9V9>

- 1. Cover Letter (Letter of Introduction)**
- 2. Resume**
- 3. AFOQT Test Results (If you did not receive results, call us at 412-776-7494 and we can obtain them for you.)**
- 4. Official College Transcripts (Copies will be accepted)**
- 5. Minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendation**
- 6. If you are prior Military Service, you must include your discharge paperwork, most recent evaluation report and RIP (OPR/EPR, vMPF)**
- 7. Copy of any applicable flying licenses, certificates, or medical (PPL, INST. Etc)**
- 8. Copy of the last two pages of your log book**

NOTE: It is not mandatory, but it is desirable to have a civilian private pilot license.

The importance of a completed package cannot be overstated, however, do not include additional extraneous information. The Selection Board will only review the items listed above during the selection process.

INTERVIEWS

All applications will be received and reviewed by the 171st Recruiting Office for eligibility purposes, then forwarded to the Operations Group Commander for consideration. Interviews will be conducted when allocations for Pilot Training class dates are received by the 171st Air Refueling Wing.

- All Pilot Application Packages will be read and considered by the Operations Group Commander
- If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified using the contact information that you provided in your application.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants who have been selected as Pilot Candidates will have their applications forwarded through command channels for review and approval. Final approval rests with the US Air Force. To follow is the selection process:

IF SELECTED AS A PILOT CANDIDATE OR ALTERNATE

- The applicants will be required to take and pass a full flying class physical.
- Applicants will be required to complete and submit a Top Secret Security Clearance Survey.
- Non-Prior Service candidates will be enlisted into the unit until graduation from Total Force Officer Training (TFOT) as a Second Lieutenant.
- The applicant with the highest point rating will receive the first school position allocated to the unit. The unit may also be offered an additional class assignment on short notice due to cancellations by other units.

Please note: The amount of coordination and paperwork required for a candidate can be very demanding. You must be prepared for no notice trips to the 171st to sign paperwork, provide copies of documents, testing etc. Generally the approval process takes 6 months, possibly longer. The approval process will go through the chain of command starting with the 171st Air Refueling Wing followed by the Pa State Headquarter, Air National Guard Headquarters and United States Air Force Headquarters. Patience and flexibility will come in handy. **ALL TRIPS TO THE 171ST ARW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS WILL BE AT THE CANDIDATES' EXPENSE.**

PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

If you are selected as a Pilot Candidate, you will be required to complete the mandatory initial training that will require approximately 2 years to complete. Acceptance of this commitment should not be taken lightly. Successful completion of this training program requires dedication, long hours and strong support from your family. Your family should be fully aware of and prepared for this demanding period. Feel free to make an appointment for you and your spouse (if applicable) to talk with someone at the unit about the pilot training program. The following is a breakdown of this training.

TBAS- (Test of Basic Aviation Skills) is an eye-hand coordination test usually done at an Active Duty Air Force Base or a ROTC location.

1 day

Flying Class 1 Physical- This is a physical evaluation given in addition to the flight physical

3 days

TFOT (Total Force Officer Training) - This is the Air National Guard Officer Training School.

8 weeks

Initial Flight Training – Pueblo CO, assesses flying ability and complete initial flight training.

6 weeks

UPT (Undergraduate Pilot Training) - Initial Flight School including academic preparation and training in the T-1 and T-6 aircraft.

52 weeks

Combat Survival Training- This training is conducted at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane Washington.

19 days, 2 days Water Survival

Co-pilot Initial Qualification Training- KC-135 CCTS, Altus Air Force Base Altus Oklahoma

20 weeks (5 Months) sometimes longer

NOTES

All of your training with the exception of TBAS testing will be paid training. Families are not permitted to accompany you to IFT, or TFOT, therefore any family members that joins you, will do so at their own expense.

Training is conducted in several locations throughout the nation, and is subject to change. You will be informed of locations should you be selected.

Completion of the above training program, carries a 10 year obligation with the Air National Guard.

It is preferred that you reside or plan to live within 100 miles of the base upon returning from training.