

AFCEA Space Coast Community Service Scholarship (2- \$500 Awards Available)

Organization: AFCEA Space Coast

Level of Study: Post Secondary Degree Program, Technical/Trade School Program

Date Open: July 15th, 2025

Deadline to Apply: September 26th, 2025

Purpose: To assist community crusaders with paying for tuition, books, or expenses associated with pursuing a post-secondary STEM education.

Focus: Aerospace/Aviation, IT/Cybersecurity, Advanced Manufacturing

Eligibility: Applicants must be residents of Brevard, Flagler, Volusia, Orange, Osceola, or Hillsborough County and authorized to work in the United States.

Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an in-person course of study at an accredited college, university, or other post-secondary training institution in the state of Florida with a set start date.

The applicant's course of study must lead to a degree or certification in one of the Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) disciplines that will prepare the student for a professional career supporting AFCEA's focus areas cited above. Qualifying academic majors include, but are not limited to, electrical, computer, chemical, aerospace or systems engineering; electronics; mathematics; computer science; physics; science or mathematics education; technology management; or management information systems. Majors directly related to the support of U.S. intelligence enterprises or national security with relevance to the mission of AFCEA will also be eligible.

To Apply:

Email your application and letters of recommendation to scholarships@afceaspacespacecoast.org no later than September 26th, 2025

Criteria: Provide at least 3 letters of recommendation (total) from members of 1 or more community organizations that you have volunteered with. Letters must contain:

- Total hours volunteered with organization(s) (In at least 1 letter from each organization)
- An overview of your activities during your volunteer hours
- How your contribution(s) positively impacted the organization/community

Letters must be on organization letterhead and be signed by organization representative to include printed name, job title, and date.

Email **ONLY** PDF documents (may be typed, or handwritten and scanned into PDF)

Questions: Contact Stephanie Robinson at scholarships@afceaspacespacecoast.org

AFCEA Space Coast Chapter Scholarship Program

AFCEA Space Coast Chapter plans to award post-secondary scholarships of up to \$500 in the coming year, subject to the availability of funds.

Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled for the upcoming academic term in a course of study at an accredited college, university, or other post-secondary training institution that leads to a degree or certification in one of the Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) disciplines that will prepare the student for a professional career supporting AFCEA's focus on information technology, electronics, cyber, and intelligence systems. Online-Learning programs are not eligible.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be residents of Brevard, Flagler, Volusia, Orange, Osceola, Seminole or Hillsborough County and authorized to work in the United States.
- Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in a course of study at an accredited college, university, or other post-secondary training institution in the state of Florida with a set start date. Enrollment in 100% online learning programs does not meet this requirement.
- The applicant's course of study must lead to a degree or certification in one of the Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) disciplines that will prepare the student for a professional career supporting AFCEA's focus areas cited above. Qualifying academic majors include, but are not limited to, electrical, computer, chemical, aerospace or systems engineering; electronics; mathematics; computer science; physics; science or mathematics education; technology management; or management information systems. Majors directly related to the support of U.S. intelligence enterprises or national security with relevance to the mission of AFCEA will also be eligible.
- Individual Scholarships are subject to additional eligibility criteria.

Scholarship Application Procedures

Scholarships will have individual application procedures to include specific requirements and deadlines.

All scholarship applications must include the attached application in addition to individual requirements.

Please email scholarships@afceaspacecoast.org with any questions.

Selection

The AFCEA Space Coast Chapter will appoint a Scholarship Selection Committee composed of current chapter members and industry representatives to review and vote on application submissions. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants based on

selection committee votes. Applicants will be asked to confirm their eligibility for an award. If primary selectees do not confirm eligibility for an award, scholarships will be offered to alternate selectees. The Scholarship Committee Chair will notify scholarship winners of their selection no later than 10 days following scholarship selection panel's decision and no later than 14 days prior to award presentation.

Award Procedures

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the scholarship winner in the form of a check drawn on the AFCEA Space Coast Chapter Education Fund account after a receipt has been signed acknowledging that the money will be used for educational purposes only. Presentation of the scholarships will be at an AFCEA Space Coast or other community STEM/STEAM event.

For Further Information Contact

Stephanie Robinson

scholarships@afceaspacecoast.org

Application on next page.

Application for AFCEA Space Coast Chapter Scholarship Program

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The personal information requested herein will be used to evaluate the applicant's eligibility for scholarships to be awarded by the AFCEA Space Coast Chapter. The information will be maintained by the AFCEA Space Coast Chapter and will be released only to individuals who serve on the Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide all the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application and reduce the likelihood of a scholarship award to the applicant.

I agree not to contest the AFCEA Central Florida Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee's choice of scholarship winners for the Chapter's Scholarship Program. I affirm that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have read and understand the privacy statement above.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

A parent's signature is not required if the applicant is over the age of 18 and was not claimed as a dependent on a parent's previous year's tax return. Proof may be required.

Application for AFCEA Space Coast Chapter Scholarship Program

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Citizenship: _____

High School: _____

HS Mailing Address: _____

Year of HS Graduation: _____

School(s) attended since HS graduation:

Academic Status for upcoming Academic Year (Check One)

FRESHMAN _____ SOPHOMORE _____ JUNIOR _____ SENIOR _____

TRADE SCHOOL _____

School/Program information for the upcoming Academic Year

Training Institution: _____

Major Field of Study/Program: _____

Previous Honors and Awards

Award Description:

Presented By: _____

Year: _____

Award Description:

Presented By: _____

Year: _____

Community Service:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Work Experience:

Name of company: _____

Your Job Title/Description:

From (mo/yr) To (mo/yr): _____

Hours/week: _____

Name of company: _____

Your Job Title/Description:

From (mo/yr) To (mo/yr): _____

Hours/week: _____

Other noteworthy achievements to be considered by the Selection Committee:
