Civil Air Patrol Position Vacancy

Aerospace Competition & Economic Security (ACES) Squadron

Call for Members

Founding Members – ACES Squadron

About ACES

The Aerospace Competition & Economic Security (ACES) Squadron is a Board-approved prototype initiative exploring how the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary can leverage specialized civilian expertise in support of Department of the Air Force strategic competition priorities.

The ACES Squadron seeks highly qualified professionals from a broad range of disciplines who are interested in applying their expertise to support national-level challenges.

Who Should Apply?

We are seeking current and prospective Civil Air Patrol members with demonstrated expertise in areas such as:

- Aerospace and aviation
- Cybersecurity
- Artificial intelligence
- Data analytics
- Software development
- Manufacturing
- Supply chain management
- Defense industrial base
- Finance and capital markets
- Economics
- Strategic communications
- Public affairs
- Media and information operations
- National security
- Emerging technologies
- Government relations
- Research and development
- Executive leadership

Professionals from additional fields may also be considered based on mission requirements.

Membership Options

Qualified applicants may:

Option 1 – Join the ACES Squadron (limited vacancies exist)

Become a member of the newly established ACES Squadron and participate directly in prototype activities.

Option 2 – Attach to the ACES Squadron

Remain assigned to their current CAP unit while serving as an attached member of the ACES Squadron for participation in approved ACES activities.

This flexible model is intended to maximize participation while minimizing disruption to existing CAP assignments and leadership responsibilities.

Desired Qualifications

The ACES Squadron seeks individuals who possess:

- Significant professional expertise in their field.
- Demonstrated leadership experience.
- Strong communication skills.
- Ability to collaborate across organizational boundaries.
- Interest in supporting Department of the Air Force priorities through volunteer service.

Highly Desired

- Current or prior military service.
- Current security clearance (Secret or higher).
- Senior leadership experience in industry, government, academia, or nonprofit organizations.
- Experience supporting national-level initiatives or strategic projects.

Expectations

Members selected for the ACES Squadron should expect opportunities to:

- Participate in strategic problem-solving efforts.
- Contribute expertise to approved mission requirements.
- Collaborate with professionals from diverse sectors.
- Help shape the future of the ACES prototype.
- Serve as ambassadors for innovation, professionalism, and service.

Participation levels will vary based on member expertise, availability, mission requirements, and security considerations.

Application Process

Interested applicants should submit:

- Letter of Interest
- Resume or professional biography
- Summary of relevant expertise
- Current security clearance status (if applicable)

Applications must be received no later than **10 July 2026**.

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Questions and application packages should be submitted directly to the POC.

Founding Cohort

As part of the initial prototype, the ACES Squadron seeks to establish a diverse founding cohort of professionals whose collective expertise reflects the challenges and opportunities associated with strategic competition, innovation, economic security, and national defense.

Individuals interested in helping shape this new effort are strongly encouraged to apply.