

The mission of the Air Force Association (AFA) includes promoting aerospace education, specifically the study of science mathematics and technology. Through AFA's affiliation with Grantham University, AFA is pleased to provide a full four-year online degree scholarship to an active duty dependent, an AFA member or a dependent of an AFA member. One full four-year scholarship, bearing a total value of approximately \$28,000, to Grantham University also includes required books and software. To be eligible, candidates must have a high school diploma or GED.

Twenty years ago, a college education almost always meant dorm rooms and football games. Every part of our lives has been impacted now by technology ... so it shouldn't surprise you that education has been brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by technological advances. More Americans are turning away from traditional universities and choosing distance education instead.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, enrolment in distance education courses has more than doubled since 2000. In the past, distance learning meant taking courses through audio or video feeds, but today's technology has allowed schools to offer more and more courses using the Internet. This new distance learning model is ideal for anyone that moves frequently or those whose schedules simply make it difficult to attend traditional classes.

Why Choose Distance Education?

- Many find their lives revolving around family and jobs and college plans have to be put on hold. With distance education, you can find time to spend with your family, excel in your career and earn your degree.
- Distance learning gives you the flexibility to get an education while working a full time job. You can study and do homework whenever you can fit it in.
- Your commute is as easy as a click of the mouse.
- All of your educational needs – from taking tests to communicating with professors and advisors – can be met online.

Grantham's online degree programs are purposely different from some other online degree programs. Grantham has modeled its online programs so they can be completed from anywhere Internet access is available. Grantham does not require students to log-on to the Internet at specific times or days or to appear at the University for exams.

Your AFA Scholarship can be used for any of the following degrees:

**Master of Business Administration**

- General Degree
- Project Management
- Information Management

**Master of Science**

- Information Management - Technology
- Information Management - Project Management
- Information Technology

**Associate and Bachelor's Degrees**

- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- General Degree
- Homeland Security
- Computer Science

- Engineering Management
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering Technology
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies

Important note to Active Duty: If you are currently active duty, Grantham already provides scholarships to cover what your military tuition assistance does not cover. Therefore, this AFA scholarship is not needed. Contact Grantham directly at 703-778-8500, ext. 513.

**Objective:**

The AFA/Grantham University Online Degree Scholarship is designed to encourage active duty dependents and AFA members and their dependents to continue their education in spite of busy, demanding schedules.

**Requirements/Evaluation Criteria:**

- The applicant must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:
  - Be a dependent of active duty, guard or reserve personnel; or,
  - Be a member of the Air Force Association; or,
  - Be a dependent of a member of the Air Force Association.
- The applicant must submit a completed application form.
- In a two page, double-spaced essay, describe your academic and career goals and explain why you are interested in pursuing your degree via an online degree program. Explain why this is the right time in your life and why you would be committed to continuing your education to earn a degree.
- Provide two letters of recommendation. These should be character references with descriptions of your performance and of your potential as a student.
- Provide proof of GED completion or high school transcripts (or college transcripts if applicable). Note: College transcript(s) and proof of undergraduate degree are required for the graduate programs.
- You will be required to provide us with information requested on a feedback form six months after the scholarship is awarded.

**Timeframe**

Submit your completed application package postmarked no later than June 15, 2009 to:

Lynette Cross  
 Manager, National Aerospace Awards  
 Air Force Association  
 1501 Lee Highway  
 Arlington, VA 22209-1190  
 Phone: 703-247-5800 Ext. 4807  
 Toll Free: 800-727-3337 Ext 4807  
 Fax: 703-247-5853  
[lcross@afa.org](mailto:lcross@afa.org)

Applications will be accepted between April 1 and June 15. Scholarship will be awarded in July.



## **Air Force Association/Grantham University** **Online Degree Scholarship Application**

### **Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last four numbers of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Closest military base to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One:

- I am an AFA member.
- I am a dependent of an AFA member, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter member's name)
- I am an active duty, guard or reserve dependent.

Submitted application packages must be complete.

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Remember to keep your contact information up to date with AFA. The recipient will be notified of their scholarship award by AFA.