In the fall of 1991 the Air Force Association (AFA) began providing grants to support Air Force Enlisted Education as the "Eagle Plan", which provided unconditional $250 grants to active duty E-4 to E-7 Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduates. In 2001 the AFA renamed the program "Pitsenbarger Awards" in memory of Medal of Honor winner A1C William Pitsenbarger. Since inception AFA has awarded over $2M in grants to over 5500 CCAF graduates.

Current grant size is $500 (increased from $400 in January 2020). Recipients (E-3 to E-7) exhibit distinguished activity encompassing leadership, citizenship, community service, dedication, personal development and academic achievement. They must have a commander's endorsement, have graduated from CCAF, and are continuing college in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. The Grants help pay for expenses that are not covered by AF Funded Education support to include to non-funded tuition costs, book and lab fees, and childcare costs associated earning a bachelor's degree.

AFA would appreciate some feedback from pending CCAF graduates about the Pitsenbarger Awards in order to make the program better meet current needs. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, then email completed survey to afa.chapter.235@gmail.com.

1. What is your education center (base)? Enter center or base here

2. What is your rank? E4 E5 E6 E7

3. How did you learn about the Pitsenbarger Award?

Education officer/center

Other airmen

Other Enter where here

4. Is the current award level of $500 a sufficient level for you to take the time to apply?

Yes No

5. In your opinion, what is the amount for you to apply for an award?

$500 is enough Increase the amount to: Enter suggested amount

6. What is the lowest amount which would peak your interest to apply for: Enter amount

7. In your opinion, should more awards be offered to assist more graduates, even if it meant lowering the award amount?

More awards, event if means lowering the amount

Keep the same number of awards

8. If you were to become a Pitsenbarger Award recipient, how do you envision you would use the funds? (Please mark as many or as few choices as you see fit?

Purchase books/school supplies/fees

Purchase meals before or after class

Pay for child care

Pay for transportation expenses to/from class

Pay for other miscellaneous expenses

9. Other comments concerning the Pitsenbarger Awards. Enter comments here

10. What is your knowledge of the Air Force Association (AFA)? Enter response here

11. If offered an AFA membership with the award, would you participate in your local Chapter events? Go to afa.org to find your local AFA Chapter.

Yes

No

Need more information about the AFA

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Thank you for your time to complete the survey.