



# Air Force Chaplain Corps

*Developing Spiritually fit Airmen to fly, fight, and win*

**Who is an Air Force Chaplain? Part time or full time, a chaplain is:**

- A strong practitioner of one's own faith
- A confidential counselor
- A champion of religious freedom
- A spiritual caregiver to Airmen and their families
- An intentional advisor to leadership
- A Chaplain Corps team player

Graduate Level Students	Volunteer	Part Time	Full Time
<p><b>Chaplain Candidate Program</b> Explore the Air Force Chaplaincy in an internship-style setting while you earn your Master of Divinity degree.</p> <p><b>Commitment</b> The Chaplain Candidate Program requires 8 paid weeks the first summer and 35 day training tours (typically summer) each year while in the program. <i>There is no obligation to serve beyond the candidate program.</i></p>	<p><b>Civil Air Patrol (CAP)</b> Provide Emergency Services support, character education and ministry of presence in CAP's missions.</p> <p><b>Commitment</b> CAP chaplain service is highly flexible; as much or little time as the chaplain can give. There are no age restrictions and no medical exam is required. CAP chaplains are unpaid and not deployable.</p>	<p><b>Reserve &amp; Air National Guard (ANG)</b> Enhance your full-time civilian ministry while serving the spiritual needs of America's Airmen as a part-time chaplain.</p> <p><b>Commitment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Traditional Reservists</u> serve one <b>weekend</b> a month (24 days/year) plus a two week period of annual training (12 days/year).</li> <li>2. <u>Individual Mobilization Augmentees</u> serve 12 consecutive days of annual training and 12 individually scheduled <b>weekdays</b> scattered throughout the year.</li> </ol> <p><b>or</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <u>Air National Guard</u> typically serve one weekend a month (24 days/year) plus a two week period of annual training (14 days/year).</li> </ol>	<p><b>Active Duty</b> Serve the spiritual needs of America's Airmen full-time.</p> <p><b>Commitment</b> Serve at locations that align with the requirements of the Air Force.</p>

## Basic Qualifications

- US citizenship • Recognized religious affiliation • Within pre-defined age limits • 120 undergraduate credits • 72+ credit hour Master of Divinity •

**For More information please contact us at:**

<b>Reserve &amp; Candidates:</b>	<a href="http://www.afreserve.com/chaplain">www.afreserve.com/chaplain</a>	—	<a href="mailto:afrc.hcx@us.af.mil">afrc.hcx@us.af.mil</a>	—	(478) 327-1475
<b>Air National Guard:</b>	<a href="http://www.goang.com/join/chaplain">www.goang.com/join/chaplain</a>	—	<a href="mailto:usaf.jbanafw.ngb-hc.mbx.hc-chaplain-corps@mail.mil">usaf.jbanafw.ngb-hc.mbx.hc-chaplain-corps@mail.mil</a>	—	(240) 612-7753
<b>Active Duty:</b>	<a href="http://www.airforce.com/chaplain">www.airforce.com/chaplain</a>	—	<a href="mailto:afrc.chaplains@us.af.mil">afrc.chaplains@us.af.mil</a>	—	(210) 565-0335
<b>Civil Air Patrol:</b>	<a href="http://capchaplain.com/join">http://capchaplain.com/join</a>	—	<a href="mailto:chaplain@cap.gov">chaplain@cap.gov</a>	—	(877) 227-9142 ex 418

**You have a call. We have the answer.**

# AF Chaplain Corps Eligibility Qualifications\*

## Summary Page

### Basic Qualifications

- Citizen of the United States (Permanent Resident potential for TR/IMA chaplain applicants)
- Possess baccalaureate degree with not less than 120 semester hours (180 quarter hours) of undergraduate credit from an accredited college or university
- Obtain approval from your religious body's endorser (Google "AFCB endorser" for endorser list)
- Willingness to function in a pluralistic environment and support the free exercise of religion
- Meet all military medical requirements and weight standards

	4'10"	4'11"	5'	5'1"	5'2"	5'3"	5'4"	5'5"	5'6"	5'7"	5'8"	5'9"	5'10"	5'11"	6'	6'1"	6'2"	6'3"	6'4"	6'5"	6'6"	6'7"	6'8"
Height (inches)	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Weight (pounds)	131	136	141	145	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	186	191	197	202	208	214	220	225	231	237	244	250

- Has not applied for the Air Force Chaplaincy within the past 12 months
- NOT be a conscientious objector
- Is not disqualified per Air Force moral and legal standards
- No violations of privileged communication and/or confidentiality
- No violations or compromises of non-combatant status
- Less than 40 years of age. Consideration is given for prior service experience
- Males between 18 and 26 years old must register for the Selective Service
- Pass a National Security Agency check on your personal history and background and qualify for a security clearance

### Chaplain Candidate Specific Qualifications | Primary Office – AFRC (478-327-2274)

- Enrolled full time in an accredited seminary
- Working toward a qualifying graduate-level degree (See Active Duty educational qualification)
- Able to complete 8 weeks of active duty training during the first summer of the program
- Be approved for the program with at last 3 semesters remaining prior to graduation

### TR and IMA Chaplain Specific Qualifications | Primary Office – AFRC (478-327-2274)

- A graduate degree requiring no fewer than 72 semester hours of graduate-level work. At least 50% of graduate credits must be in religious or theological fields.

### Active Duty Qualifications | Primary office - RSOH (210-565-0335)

- A graduate degree requiring no fewer than 72 semester hours of graduate-level work. At least 50% of graduate credits must be in religious or theological fields.
- Two years of ministry experience
- Captain and below coming from any branch

### References

DoDI 1304.26, 11 April 2017, Qualification Standards for Enlistment, Appointment, and Induction  
 DoDI 1304.28, 20 March 2014, Guidance for the Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Departments  
 DoDI 1308.3, 5 November 2002, DoD Physical Fitness and Body Fat Programs Procedures  
 DoDD 1304.19, 23 April 2007, Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Departments  
 AFMAN 36-2032, 27 September 2019, Military Recruiting and Accessions  
 AFI 52-101, 1 April 19, Planning and Organizing  
 AFOSD, 30 April 17

\* Interested persons who do not meet an above qualification yet still wish to be considered should call the appropriate primary office.

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