



### **OUR MISSION**

To support Airmen and enhance the Air Force mission by relieving emergency financial distress, helping the dependents of Airmen achieve their educational goals, and improving the quality of life for Airmen and their families through proactive programs.

## **OUR VISION**

To be a charitable organization that embodies the concept of Airmen helping Airmen – that is embraced by Airmen and those who support Airmen.

# AIRMEN HELPING AIRMEN Since 1942



For every \$1 donated, AFAS SPENDS \$3 IN SUPPORT OF AIRMEN

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# **AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY**

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the official charity of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and has been meeting the unique needs of Airmen and their families since 1942. AFAS works to support and enhance the USAF mission by providing emergency financial assistance, educational support and community programs.

## **★** EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

When unexpected financial emergencies arise, AFAS provides no-interest loans and grants to help Air Force families meet immediate needs and make a positive step towards a lasting financial solution.

**Standard Assistance** – AFAS Standard Assistance may be in the form of a no-interest loan or grant. The purpose is to help Airmen stabilize emergency situations to better focus on the Air Force mission.

**Falcon Loans** – The AFAS Falcon Loan program is a streamlined application process to provide Airmen with expedited, no-interest loans up to \$1,000 for specific financial emergencies.

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

AFAS understands the challenges that come with active duty Air Force life and offers targeted community enhancement programs to help make everyday life on base a little easier. The specific AFAS supported community programs offered varies between Air Force Base installations. Visit your Airman & Family Readiness Center to discover which of these programs may be available to your family.



**Bundles For Babies** – Our Bundles for Babies class is designed to teach expectant and new parents basic parenting skills, as well as essential financial skills to help with budgeting for a new baby.



**Car Care Because We Care** – This program is designed to keep the primary family vehicle of a deployed active duty Air Force member in top running condition. AFAS will help provide preventive vehicle maintenance including oil/filter changes, fluid check and replacement services, and vehicle safety checks.



**Child Care Programs** – Parenting can be stressful. Those stresses can be even more acute for a military family. AFAS offers several programs to help Air Force families with child care needs.



**Spouse Employment Program** – Active duty Air Force spouses can take advantage of entry-level job training to help secure immediate, viable employment. AFAS pays for tuition, instructor fees, and course materials for spouse participants.



**Heart Link Spouse Orientation Program** – Recognizing that spouses play an important role in the success of an active duty Airmen, AFAS provides funding for the Heart Link program. This program is designed to strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness by helping to orient new Air Force spouses (typically 5 years or less) to active duty military life.

# **★**EDUCATION SUPPORT

AFAS helps Air Force families offset the cost of college education. We provide educational grants, scholarships and loans to the dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Air Force members, Title 10 Reservists, Title 32 Guard, retired Reserve and deceased Air Force personnel.

**General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program** – Arnold Education Grants are awarded to eligible, qualifying Air Force dependents. Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000, with specific amounts awarded based upon financial need.

**Merit Scholarships** – Each year AFAS awards a number of \$5,000 merit-based scholarships to eligible incoming freshman college students, as a complement to the needs-based support allocated through the Arnold Education Grants program.

**Supplemental Loan Program** – Knowing that incidental college expenses for books, fees, and supplies can be challenging financially for families already facing tuition, room, and board costs, AFAS offers a no-interest \$1,000 Supplemental Education Loan to help reimburse these expenses.