



**George E. "Bud" Day Flight #61
Order of Daedalians
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Mr. Anthony Boyer
Principal
NWFSC Collegiate High School
Building 340, Northwest Florida State College Niceville Campus
100 College Boulevard
Niceville, Florida 32578

Subject: Daedalian Scholarships 2021

Dear Mr. Boyer;

The Order of Daedalians is a professional order of American military pilots (all services, active and retired), with a mission to advocate for air and space power, honor those who flew and fly in defense of our nation, and inspire young Americans to pursue careers as military aviators through college scholarships, flying instruction, and other educational opportunities. The local Daedalians are organized as the George E. "Bud" Day Flight, comprised of nearly 120 active and retired U.S. military pilots.

For a number of years, we have provided multiple scholarship opportunities to local high school students interested in military aviation. We've historically addressed all of the Okaloosa County high schools and our immediate "neighbors" at Navarre High School and Walton High School. Recently, we broadened these scholarship opportunities to include students in the STEM disciplines necessary to support military aviation.

In the past, we've solicited scholarship applications almost exclusively through the individual high school JROTC units. This year, we'd like to also make each school's guidance counselors aware of these opportunities, which are not limited to JROTC cadets. Thus, this letter to NWFSC Collegiate High School.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply for one of these scholarships using the form available on-line at www.daedalians.org > Programs > Scholarships > Downloadable Application. Applicants should complete the form for a *Matching* scholarship. Select George E. "Bud" Day Flight #61 as the sponsoring flight.

The Bud Day Flight Scholarship Committee will base our selection on the following criteria. The successful applicant must:

1. Be an American citizen.
2. Be a graduating senior from an accredited public / private high school, or, if home schooled, successfully complete the required state examinations.
3. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a 4.0-point scale) and an ACT score of 26 or better, or the SAT equivalent.
4. Have applied for and been admitted to a four-year college / university.
5. Commit to enroll in and complete a collegiate ROTC Program.
6. If physically qualified, commit to seeking entrance to a military aviation training program (pilot, navigator, combat systems officer, naval flight officer, air battle manager, astronaut, RPA pilot, or flight surgeon), or to pursue a career in one of the STEMM disciplines on completion of schooling.
7. Complete the referenced Daedalian Scholarship Application and include the following attachments:
 - a. Most recent high school academic transcript
 - b. ACT / SAT score(s)
8. Complete a personal or telephone interview with the Bud Day Flight Scholarship Committee, if requested.

Students receiving full scholarships for all expenses, including room and board, from other sources are not eligible.

Applications can be scanned and submitted by email, or sent by USPS mail to arrive not later than Friday, 5 March 2021 to:

Ed Dunbar
Scholarship Committee Chairman
Bud Day Flight #61
P.O. Box 122
Fort Walton Beach FL 32549

Selectees will be notified as soon as possible thereafter, but not later than 26 March 2021, and awardees will be honored at our Flight Meeting on Thursday, 15 April 2021. Invitations with meeting details will be sent to those selected for a scholarship award.

If selected for one of the Bud Day Flight scholarships, the awardee may be eligible for a matching scholarship awarded by the Daedalian Foundation at the national level. Funds awarded will be disbursed directly to the student's college or university financial office for credit to his or her account. If awarded a scholarship, the student will be obligated to inform us annually of their progress for at least the following three years.

I can be reached by email at redunbar@cox.net or phone / text to 850-376-3904 with any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'REDUNBAR', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ed Dunbar
Vice Flight Captain
Scholarship Committee Chairman