

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 SCHOOL OF ADVANCED AIR AND SPACE STUDIES (SAASS) and/or OSD STRATEGIC THINKERS PROGRAM (STP)

SUSPENSE: **19 September 2019**

Basic eligibility requirements

- Rank of O-4 or O-5
- Less than 16 years total active commissioned service at the start of SAASS
- Graduated from or currently enrolled in an in-residence IDE program, program equivalent, or the ACSC Online Master's Program (IDE in-res/equivalent/OLMP complete by the start of SAASS)
- Possess a Master's Degree from an accredited institution or have an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.25 or higher

If using the undergraduate GPA eligibility criteria, applicants must contact their academic institution and request a copy of their transcript be sent to SAASS. SAASS/CC is waiver authority for basic eligibility requirements with exception of rank requirement. Applicants should submit any waiver requests addressed to the SAASS/CC with their application packages. Applicants will receive a message confirming receipt of application package by 20 September 2019. Applicants are requested to notify their AFPC Assignment Team when applying.

Air Force officers eligible for SAASS may, as an alternative, apply for and attend the Secretary of Defense's Strategic Thinkers Program (STP) located in Washington, D.C. The newest addition to the Advanced Study Group (ASG), STP is a partnership between the Department of Defense and Johns Hopkins University. On the application form below, please select one of three options: 1) apply to SAASS only, 2) apply to STP only, and 3) apply to SAASS and STP.

Letters of waiver and/or transcript (if required) should be addressed to:

SAASS/CC
125 Chennault Circle
Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6334

For USAF Applicants

For IDE in-residence USAF applicants: To apply, submit your application with attached essay and any additional documents required through your school liaison. For non-IDE USAF applicants: submit your application with attached essay and any additional documents required via email to sheila.mckitt@us.af.mil. Be sure to indicate if you are applying to SAASS, STP or both programs. Personnel records and letters of recommendation are **not** required.

For USA/USMC/USN Applicants only

Please provide a copy of your **ENTIRE** personnel record (to include an OEB, ORB or equivalent) along with your application to: sheila.mckitt@us.af.mil via **DoD SAFE** (replaces **AMRDEC**) at the following secure link: <https://safe.apps.mil/>.

If any questions or problems associated with the application process, please contact Ms. Sheila Mckitt at DSN 493-5155, COM (334) 953-5155, or sheila.mckitt@us.af.mil.

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NAME (Last, First, MI): _____ **SSAN:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE (circle one): USAF / USA / USMC / USN

PRIMARY AFSC** _____ **SPECIALTY TITLE** _____

** Prior to attending IDE (**not** student code)

IDE Enrolled/Graduate of: (circle/highlight one):

ACSC / ACGSC / ASAM / NIU / NWC / MCCGSC / Other (*specify*): _____

IDE (In-res or equivalent) Completion Date: _____

Program(s) you are applying for (circle/highlight one): **SAASS / STP / SAASS and STP**

1. SAASS, like most schools, represents a two-way exchange. What do you expect to put in, and what do you expect in return? (limit your answer to space available below – print or type):

2. Write a 2 - 4 page essay on the issue below. The essay is to be the work of the applicant only. Applicants should not consult with or seek input from others. Be sure to include your name on all pages of the essay, (example: *John Doe/AY20/page 1 of 4*). Staple the essay to this application (format - typed, double-spaced, 12 pt, 1" margins; cover page not required).

Major strategy documents (the National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy) note that the United States and its allies face a return to great power/peer competition, derived in particular from Russia's and China's efforts to challenge if not revise the existing international order. Evaluate the Air Force's readiness and ability to deter and, if necessary, prevail in a war against a hostile great power.

SIGNATURE: _____