

Air Force Materials and Manufacturing Alumni Association (AFMMAA)

AIR FORCE MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STEM CAMP SUBSIDY PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

AFMMAA established this partial reimbursement program to offset financial expenses incurred by the families of children and grandchildren of current AFRL/RX government employees and military members who attend one of the STEM-related camps identified below in the Eligibility section. (“AFRL/RX,” in this document refers to AFRL/RX as well as its predecessor or successor organizations).

Note: The STEM Camp Subsidy Program has been established as a post-attendance reimbursement program. It is the responsibility of students and their families to secure admittance to and provide any support necessary to attend a STEM camp. Applications for the STEM Camp Subsidy Program must be submitted to the AFMMAA after the completion of a STEM camp.

ELIGIBILITY

Any natural or adopted child or grandchild of a current AFRL/RX government employee (civilian or military) who has attended one of the following STEM-related Camps between 16 September 2025 and 15 September 2026 is eligible to apply for this program.

- [ASM Materials Camp](#) (Materials Park, OH)
- [University of Tennessee Materials Camp](#) (Knoxville, TN)
- [Air Camp](#) (Dayton, OH)
- [Space Camp](#) (Huntsville, AL)

STEM Camp attendees who have previously received two STEM subsidy awards are ineligible to apply for additional awards.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(See *STEM Camp Subsidy Application* for specific details)

- Submission of an essay written by the student who attended the camp that describes the student's: 1) camp experience, 2) educational goals, and 3) career aspirations.
- Evidence of camp completion in the form of a copy of an official certificate or letter from the camp's administration.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicant submissions will be evaluated by a selection committee chaired by an AFMMAA member named by the Executive Board. Using the application requirements listed above, the committee will review the submitted applications and select those it judges to be qualified for receipt of a subsidy payment. Selections will be made using the following general criteria in evaluating the student-written essays:

- Insight into the applicant's participation in the STEM camp
- Linkage between the applicant's camp experiences, their educational goals, and career aspirations
- Overall Clarity

The selected applications will be listed in priority order of assessed merit, as determined by a vote of the committee members, and the list submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration. The Executive Board will make the final selection of recipients, based on the selection committee's recommendations and the availability of funds.

AWARD PROCESS

The AFMMAA Board, on behalf of the Association, will inform all applicants of the results of the evaluation. Subsidy payments will be made directly to the successful recipient(s) in the form of a check. Recipients and their families are not required to provide any information on how the subsidy will be used to offset camp-related expenses.

The AFMMAA Board may later give formal recognition of the recipients at a suitable AFRL/RX event (e.g., a Director's Call or the annual Directorate Awards Ceremony), and the names of recipients and their photographs may be published on the AFMMAA web site, as well as in any appropriate AFRL/RX publications.

Depending on the availability of funds, subsidies in the amount of up to \$300 may be awarded, typically in November. Any subsidy unclaimed by the end of the calendar year indicated as the basis for the application is subject to forfeiture.

APPLICATION

Applicants must complete an **AFMMAA STEM Camp Subsidy Application**.

2026 STEM CAMP SUBSIDY CHAIR AND PRIMARY CONTACT

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