

148th Fighter Wing Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT)

Accepting application packages from 1 August 2026 – 1 October 2026

Pilots,

Thanks for your interest in the 179th Fighter Squadron, "World Famous Bulldogs!" We are excited you are taking the next steps in beginning your career as a combat aviator and officer with the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, MN. The expectations of our candidates and wingmen is higher than ever in the history of combat aviation. You should be excited about this juncture in your career and motivated to put forth the continued effort required to place you in the seat of the world's premier multi-mission fighter!

We are excited for you to have the opportunity to join our team and look forward to meeting you at interviews.

– Lt Col Ryan Durand, 179th Squadron Commander

All application items and email subject will be titled: **Last Name, First Name, 2026 UPT**

(Do not submit packages via alternate websites) Applications will only be received submitted directly via email to:

148FW.FSS.Commissioning@us.af.mil

Submit in Order in 1 combined PDF (no portfolios):

1. Applicant Information Sheet
2. Prescreen document
3. Cover Letter (Address letters to "Board President")
4. Resume
5. Official College Transcript (original or a copy of original)
6. AFOQT Scores (must be submitted with package- delayed submissions not accepted)
7. TBAS scores (must be submitted with package- delayed submissions not accepted)
8. Copy of Pilot Certificate (if applicable)
9. Copy of the last page of your logbook showing # of flight hours *
10. Letters of Recommendation (2 or 3 good ones which speak to your skills as an aviator/leader)
11. Air Force Form 24 (Not required if already a commissioned Air Force Officer)
12. Current fitness test report (if military member)
13. Most recent EPR/OPR/performance report (if military member)

No changes will be made to packages following submission.

Notes for application

- We use the whole person concept. Let your accomplishments speak for themselves.
- *Flying experience and aero-ratings are highly desirable but they are not required.
- # of candidates selected will be determined annually as needed.

*** Age Cut Offs:**

- Must be in UPT by your 33rd birthday
- Age accepted dependent on type and amount of airframe experience

Fulltime Employment

- This Board is for part-time/traditional Air National Guard positions. If selected, you will be on active duty for training for 3-4 years before reverting back to traditional/part-time status once training is complete.

Candidates selected to meet the Interview Board will be officially invited to the unit at a designated date. It is your responsibility to provide a current phone number and email address to contact you.

Individual tours / rushing is not done for prospective UPT candidates due to availability. We will invite selected candidates to the Wing the weekend of interviews.

UPT 2026 Applicant Information Sheet

(type or print clearly)

Full Name:

Birthday:

Age as of 1 December 2024:

Current Address:

Current Phone Number:

Current Email Address:

Do you currently have a pilot's license? _____

Current Rating (i.e. Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot, etc): _____

Number of flight hours: _____

Are you currently a military member? _____

What is your rank? _____

What is your unit of assignment? _____

What is your current duty title? _____

What date did you receive your college degree? _____

What type? (i.e. BA, BS, MS etc.) _____

What was your Major? _____

What was your GPA upon graduation? _____

What college or university did you graduate from?

Please fill in your AFOQT Scores:

Pilot____ Navigator____

Acad Aptitude____ Verbal____

Quantitative____

Please fill in your PCSM (TBAS) Score:

PCSM____

***** COMPLETION REQUIRED *****

PRESCREENING INTERVIEW

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI): _____

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| 1. Are you now or have you ever been a member of any organization, associated with or contributed to any movement or group that advocates the overthrow of the U.S. government? | YES | NO |
| 2. Are you or have you ever been a dual citizen of the U.S. and another country? | YES | NO |
| 3. Are any of your immediate family members (spouse, cohabitant, parents, siblings, children, mother-in-law, father-in-law) not a U.S. citizen? | YES | NO |
| 4. Do you or any immediate family members have foreign property or foreign financial interests? | YES | NO |
| 5. Do you have any ongoing association with any non-U.S. citizen(s). | YES | NO |
| 6. In the last seven years, have you ever experienced financial difficulties that resulted in bankruptcy, repossession, tax lien, wage garnishment, judgment, or collection accounts? | YES | NO |
| 7. In the last seven years, have you ever had any alcohol-related arrests, treatment, or counseling? | YES | NO |
| 8. Since the age of 16 or in the last seven years, whichever is shorter, have you ever illegally used, possessed, bought, sold, or transferred any narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogen, cannabis, or any other illegal drug or controlled substance? | YES | NO |
| 9. In the last seven years, have you consulted with a health care professional regarding an emotional or mental health condition or were you hospitalized for such a condition? | YES | NO |
| 10. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any felony offense? | YES | NO |
| 11. Are there currently any charges pending against you for criminal offense(s)? | YES | NO |
| 12. Have you ever been the subject of an inquiry involving the loss or mishandling of classified information or material? | YES | NO |
| 13. Have you ever been denied a security clearance? | YES | NO |

ALL YES RESPONSES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FULL NARRATIVE EXPLANATION IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN INTERVIEW – BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED

I certify that the responses and any clarifying information, if applicable, are true as of this date.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____