

# CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Washington DC 26 February - 5 March 2005

**P**olitics. It's more than campaigning for office: A political life is one of public service. The political sphere includes how people exercise their freedom, cooperate to help one another, and govern themselves in their world.

The Civic Leadership Academy fosters cadet officers' civic growth by increasing their leadership skills, civic responsibility, and overall interest in the democratic process.

Not your average field trip to Washington, the academy is an opportunity for 24 of CAP's brightest cadets to explore their government and learn how the three branches and the media inter-relate. Cadets will increase their abilities to lead persuasively, articulate a well-reasoned message, and develop a consensus for their position. Culminating with the CAP Legislative Day, CLA cadets will meet with Congressional leaders to help them better understand CAP's worth to America.

During their week in Washington, cadets will visit the Capitol, Supreme Court, State Department, plus major national monuments and the Air & Space Museum.

To help compensate for the cadets' absences from school, the academy will include a final project. Each cadet will demonstrate their understanding of the political process and the leadership qualities and techniques that are vital to the success of America's experiment in self-government.



In 2004, CLA cadets met Secretary Colin Powell.

A tour of the Supreme Court is one highlight of CLA.



Apply by  
**Nov. 1st**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Have earned the Mitchell Award at the time of application. Earhart cadets & COS graduates are preferred.
2. Be age 16 or older by the start of the activity.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Because the academy is held during the spring and therefore is out-of-cycle with the other national cadet special activities, cadets will apply using the special procedures described below:

1. Submit to HQ CAP a completed CAPF 31, endorsed by the squadron and wing commander. Include a valid email address.
2. Attach a 1-page resume outlining experience in emergency services, aerospace education, cadet programs, and community service; a 1-page letter of recommendation; and a recent photo taken while wearing the AF-style blue uniform.
3. Send completed applications via mail, fax, or email. **Mail:** HQ CAP/LMPD, Attn: Civic Leadership, 105 S. Hansell St, Maxwell AFB, AL, 36112. **Fax:** 334.953.6699. **Email:** clafond@cap.gov. All applications must be received at HQ CAP by **1 November 2004**.

## SELECTION PROCESS

1. HQ CAP will collect and screen all applications and forward them to the region commanders. Region commanders will select three cadets to participate as primaries and notify HQ CAP by 1 December.
2. HQ CAP will notify all primaries and alternates via email in early December. The email will include travel info, a packing list, etc.
3. A \$250 activity fee is due on 1 January from all cadets selected as primaries, which covers meals, lodging, and course activities. Do not send money with applications. Arrangements may be made to pay the activity fee in installments, due to the holiday season.