The High Flight Program at Randolph-Macon Academy is designed for the student who has aspirations as a career military officer and of attending one of the United States service academies. It offers the student with a superior record daily emphasis in the following areas, which are all key components of a successful academy appointment:

- Advanced Academics
- SAT/ACT Preparation
- Leadership Development
- Athletic Participation
- Physical Fitness
- Community Service

Students accepted into the program will receive a $2,000/year High Flight Merit Scholarship. Students must remain in good standing to retain the scholarship each year.

Academics & Mentoring

Students will be placed on an advanced academic track that is focused on math and science. Honors, Advanced Placement, and college-level courses are available.

Each student will be assigned to an R-MA mentor who thoroughly understands and can guide the student through the service academy application process.

Physical Training

Students will receive additional physical fitness training focused on the rigors of the service academies physical fitness training and for the service academies’ candidate fitness tests. This program will be conducted outside the daily athletic period and managed by a dedicated physical fitness instructor.

Community Service

Students will be required to serve a minimum number of community service hours in a variety of community service projects.

Nominations

Nominations to service academies are to be accomplished through the congressional nomination process. Students applying to the U.S. Air Force Academy may also receive a nomination from the R-MA president. There is no guarantee, implied or stated, that participants will be nominated/appointed.

Criteria

Students interested in the program must meet the following criteria:

- Be a freshman or sophomore at Randolph-Macon Academy, enrolled for at least one semester.
- Have a GPA of 3.5.
- Pass an FAA flight physical.
- Be fully eligible for active military service.
- Complete a formal application.
- Selection for the program will be determined by the R-MA High Flight Selection Committee.

Selection for the program occurs in two cycles, 1 August and 1 February. The application deadlines for each cycle are 15 June and the Friday on which Christmas break begins, respectively.

Once enrolled in the program, students will be expected to:

- Qualify for a cadre position (student leadership in the Air Force JROTC program) in the junior and senior years.
- Apply for all service academy summer leadership seminars as a junior and attend if selected.
- Actively participate in all weekly physical training sessions and show improvement on each semester physical fitness test.
- Attend Summer Leadership Cadre Camp.
- Apply to at least two service academies and complete nomination requests for all possible nomination sources before beginning the senior year.
- Perform the duties of their assigned cadre position to the best of their abilities.
- Remain in the program through graduation, and apply to one or more of the service academies.

Questions?

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