



Tuskegee Airmen Inc (TAI) Military Awards Criteria

On behalf of Lt Gen (Ret) Russell C. Davis, TAI's President, I want to wish all applicants good luck in this year's process.

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. National Convention awards are presented to outstanding military members (Active, Reserve or Guard) regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or gender. Founded in 1972, TAI's primary goal is to motivate young Americans to achieve its goal of aviation awareness through education, nondiscriminatory practices, dissemination of accurate historical facts thereby increasing aviation career pursuits.

We are very excited about this year's cycle and look forward to many outstanding applicants. Last year we received over 200 applications from outstanding military members in every branch of the service. We expect this year to be no different. The guidelines below should help you with any questions you may have. However, if you have any questions you may direct them to my POC, Maj LaMont Coleman by e-mail. Again, good luck to all...and happy writing!

Regards,
Trent Dudley, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Military Affairs Committee Chair

Award Categories:

General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Military Award. Named for our esteemed leader who has been an inspiration to all those who has followed and served under him. Awarded to a field grade officer (O4-O6) who has exhibited outstanding performance in both professional and community service.

Captain Robert W. Williams Military Award. Named for the pioneer aviator who spearheaded a movie project about the Tuskegee Airmen. He spent 43 years pitching his story and was turned down by every movie and television studio until Home Box Office accepted the project in 1995. It became a worldwide success and earned 3 Emmy Awards, a Peabody, a Cable Ace and 2 NAACP Image Awards. This award goes to a company grade officer (O1-O3) who has exhibited outstanding performance in both professional and community service.

Chief Master Sergeant Fred Archer Military Award. Named for one of the first blacks to achieve the highest enlisted grade. He served with the famed 99th Pursuit Squadron as a Weapons Specialist. In his distinguished 35 year career, he was nominated three times to serve as Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. This award goes to a senior noncommissioned officer (E7-E9) that exhibits outstanding performance in both professional and community service.

Senior Master Sergeant Margaret Frances Barbour Military Award. Named for SMSgt Margaret Frances Barbour. This award goes to a noncommissioned officer or airman (E1-E6) that exhibits outstanding performance in both professional and community service.

AWARD APPLICATION:

All service military members are encouraged to submit packages for these outstanding awards. Four awards are presented in the following categories for junior and senior enlisted and company and field grade officer. ****We will accept only 4 nominees (one per category) from each wing or wing equivalent. In the Pentagon, three letter offices will be considered Wing Equivalents, i.e. AF/XOJ, AF/XOR, SAF/AQA, etc.** Submission should cover the period 1 May 2007 - 30 April 2008. The award nomination package will consist of two documents:

Nomination Transmittal Letter - This document nominates the individual and will be signed by the Wing Commander/Wing Commander equivalent (or their designated representative) and addressed to:

Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Military Awards Committee
ATTN: Major LaMont A. Coleman

Award Justification - This document cites specific actions and qualifications justifying the nominee's merit in the following three areas: Professional Achievement, Professional Development, and Community/Public Service.

*****Awards will be accepted by email only.*****

Award Justification Format & Weight of Individual Sections:

- Justification Page can be an AF IMT Form 1206 or plain bond.
- One page maximum in bullet format.
- Weights are 50-30-20 for Achievement, Development and Community Service respectively.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 May 2008

E-Mail submissions to: lamont.coleman@malmstrom.af.mil

QUESTIONS/INFORMATION

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