

**BLUE ALLIANCE
FLIGHT OF HEROES
AWARD**

PURPOSE

The award is Blue Alliance's highest honor. It recognizes the efforts of a member or ally of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) military community whose achievements have been inspirational and impactful. The award is designed to recognize an individual's exceptional achievements as a USAFA LGBT graduate or ally. The recipient will represent the positive attributes of a leader and will have contributed to the positive perception of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the LGBT community.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applicants must be able to showcase their personal or group actions and attributes which have positively affected the AF Academy and Blue Alliance. Ideal candidates have contributed to the enrichment of the LGBT and/or the military community and have demonstrated the following traits: Leadership, Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

1. Leadership

Leadership is a fundamental part of the USAF Academy experience. It is the engine that drives everyone in the organization to succeed. Through their every action, leaders both inspire the performance and results an organization most desires and serve to model that behavior for others to follow.

2. Integrity

All performance starts with fundamental core values and authenticity. The USAF and the Academy underscore the need to be honest in our workplace and in our dealings with others.

3. Service

Successful people tend to be deeply engaged with their community and committed to social efforts such as charities and other social causes. Such personnel encourage others to participate in worthy causes that make the world a better place.

4. Excellence

Professional excellence is about constantly challenging yourself and continuous improvement. Professional and personal excellence is often intertwined. People who perform well will help to ensure ongoing successes and serve as a strong motivator for others.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be an Air Force Academy LGBT alumnus or ally.

AWARD

The Blue Alliance Board of Directors will select the recipient based on the criteria listed above. The Flight of Heroes Award recipient will be acknowledged at the Annual Blue Alliance Dinner held in the Fall. The recipient will be presented with an engraved award at the dinner.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations can be submitted through the Blue Alliance website, blue-alliance.org, by the first day of August each year. There is no standard format but the submission will be assessed based on the criteria above.

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