



**South Carolina Air National Guard
157th Fighter Squadron
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FY26 Undergraduate Pilot Training Board Announcement

The 157FS will conduct a UPT Selection Board 10 January 2026. Interested candidates should submit applications in time to meet the timeline specified below. All information should be current as of 30 June 2025 or later.

A baccalaureate or higher degree is required for commissioning and attendance at pilot training; forecast graduation dates are acceptable for the application process. If selected, applicants will be required to pass a Flying Class 1 physical prior to pilot training. AFOQT (scheduled as needed) and TBAS-based PCSM (<https://access.afpc.af.mil/pcsmdmz>) scores are **required** for the application. Minimum composite scores are as follows:

AFOQT: Pilot - 70 Academic - 50 Verbal - 50 Quantitative - 50
PCSM: 70

Initial applications will consist of the following items:

- Video cover letter addressing the following questions (3 minutes maximum)
 - How you handle mistakes
 - How you prepare to succeed
 - Resume - at a minimum, include work and educational history starting with high school (one page)
 - Answers to the applicant questionnaire posted to the 169FW website
 - Print out of PCSM and AFOQT scores
 - Recommendation letter(s) (minimum one, maximum three)
 - Unofficial undergraduate / graduate school transcripts
 - Most recent three EPRs / OPBs (if applicable)
 - Air Force Forms 24 (Application for Appointment) and 2030 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Certificate)
 - Statement of Understanding
 - For applicants already in the Air Force or ANG outside SC, complete AF Form 1288
- *use the versions of the forms posted alongside this document on the 169FW website

Email a PDF containing all materials except the video to 169.FW.Aero.Opportunities.Org@us.af.mil, subject line "Last Name, First Name 2026." Attach a **single** PDF file, 10MB maximum, named "Last Name_First Name_2026_App.pdf." Do not send files in proprietary formats (i.e., files that require Adobe to open will not be accepted). If you do not receive an email reply confirming receipt within 4 days, please follow up via email for further instructions.

Once your PDF is received and validated, you will receive a reply email with a link to an online questionnaire. The questionnaire must be completed by the initial application deadline of **1600 Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, September 8th**. The board will attempt to validate applications in a timely manner, but you will not be considered by the 2026 board if you have difficulties or errors that prevent on-time, correct completion.

Note that to ensure a fair and impartial evaluation, all application materials will be reviewed anonymously. The questionnaire will require you to submit copies of your resume, transcripts, and performance reports with names, email addresses, and other identifying information masked.

We are looking for highly motivated, humble individuals who have the aptitude and work ethic required to excel as a fighter pilot and leader in the South Carolina Air National Guard. Formal training is a rigorous two- to three-year process with many more years honing your skills to fight America's wars. We look forward to reviewing your application!