

**2013 WINNER: Joseph Sanborn II -- Grade: 11 AGE: 16**

Overall view of what impressed us about Joseph Sanborn II:

**Joseph has demonstrated a passion for aviation:**

*In no particular sequence ...*

- In ground school now with plans for flight training
- Active with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- Model R/C aircraft and rockets
- Realistic goals (both primary and back-up plan)
- Straight A's, including math and science
- The letter of Recommendation was also impressive and gave us even more insight to Joseph's passion for aviation.
- Joseph as applied to attend the Air Force Academy Summer Seminar Program in June

**Committee keywords included:**

Passionate, Artistic, Smart, Enthusiastic, Initiative, Highly Motivated, Civil Air Patrol (CAP); Leadership; Great Student; USAF Academy

**Committee comments included:**

--- Joseph is clearly an aviation focused youngster with all the rocket and R/C helicopter time. His interests seem to cover an array of vehicles. I am also impressed that he wants to go to the USAF Academy and his grades look to get him, there combined with his other activities in the community. A well rounded individual.

--- Strong Candidate with straight A's, in the CAP, going through ground school now towards eventual private pilot's license, REALISTIC goal of Mechanical Engineering if first goal of US Air Force doesn't come to be (but straight As (including math/science) and CAP will help towards that AF goal), model rockets & R/C aircraft (4-turbine a/c, helos); Bonus points for Joseph's additional essay about his model aircraft, model rocket, and flight sim experiences, not the sketch.

--- Letter of recommendation one of the best received; outstanding in CAP; likely to go to USAF Academy.

--- I think overall I like Joseph a lot. He seems like he's very interested in aviation (and has been his whole life). His grades are very good as is his letter of recommendation. He clearly is involved in aviation extracurricular activities and I think he'd be a good fit for the scholarship.

--- Has started path towards a pilot license. Active in significant aviation organization, Civil Air Patrol. Transcript does not provide full picture, but Q2 in Junior year very strong. Hands-on in RC