



*“Being part of 630 Beauport Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets as a teenager provided me an excellent foundation for my career in aviation and with the Canadian Forces . . . Taking part in the various activities and participating in the summer camps gave me the opportunity to develop skills and personality traits that are required and used everyday in my present career: interpersonal skills, public speaking, reliability, discipline, and assertiveness.”*

*- Lieutenant-Colonel Maryse Carmichael, first female Commanding Officer of 431 Snowbirds (Air Demonstration) Squadron*



**Air Cadet League of Canada**  
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**Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons are located in communities all across Canada. To find a squadron near you and learn more, check out the Air Cadet League of Canada website at [www.aircadetleague.com](http://www.aircadetleague.com).**



**Royal Canadian Air Cadets**



**Question:  
Why would I become an Air Cadet?**

**Answer:  
Why wouldn't you become an Air Cadet?**



## Congratulations!

In choosing the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, you've decided to join over 25,000 youth from across Canada in the best youth program in the country. Whether you're looking to meet new people, overcome your fear of public speaking, learn new skills to help you in school, or even become a pilot, the Air Cadet Program has [something to offer you](#). Some of our [former cadets](#) have on to become commercial pilots, politicians, company executives, and even astronauts. And with over 450 squadrons across Canada, it's [easy to find a squadron near you](#).

So, the only question left is:  
***When are you joining?***

## Quick Facts

- ◆ You must be 12 or older to become an Air Cadet.
- ◆ Air Cadets are required to attend one evening of regular training per week, though many squadrons offer activities throughout the week and on the weekends.
- ◆ Air Cadets receive training in subjects such as flying and gliding, survival skills, physical fitness, public speaking, citizenship, and precision drill.
- ◆ Select cadets may participate in [summer courses](#) at training centres across Canada.
- ◆ Air Cadets are under no obligation to join the Canadian Forces.
- ◆ There is no set cost to join. Certain provinces may require registration fees, while others may not.
- ◆ Have more questions? Check out our [website for more information!](#)



*Founded in 1941 to train young men for future service with the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Cadets have evolved over time to become Canada's premier youth program. Through the Air Cadet Movement, over 25,000 young men and women from across Canada are afforded the opportunity to participate in stimulating training, develop crucial life skills, and make life-long friends.*

*The Air Cadet Movement represents a partnership between the [Air Cadet League of Canada](#) and the [Department of National Defence](#). Volunteers from each organization, along with over 7,500 members of the [Cadet Instructors Cadre](#) branch of the Canadian Forces, work together to develop and implement the training program offered to the cadets.*