

SECURITY CLEARANCES

Security Clearances for cadets will be submitted NLT 23 Months from the date of commission. This will allow time for the cadet to be contracted no matter if they are on scholarship or not.

Security Clearances are done to determine if there is any reason that you might be a security risk to the Air Force and the United States. These investigations are detailed and go back at least 7 years into your past to include people you know or knew, jobs you've worked at and places you've lived. It also looks at civil involvements, overseas affiliations if any, overseas places you've visited even if just on vacation. The biggest section they look into in your background is going to be your financial history by pulling a credit report from all 3 credit reporting agencies. This is to ensure you cannot be bribed into divulging information that could cause harm to the United States.

Be truthful and honest with everything you do and you shouldn't run into any problems during the investigation.

The security clearance you will be given initially will be a Secret Clearance and will usually take 3 - 4 months to process and grant if no issues arise.

Depending on the job you get categorized in during Big Week of your AS300 or AS400 year you will either keep your Secret clearance or be upgraded to a Top Secret Clearance after a more in-depth investigation that goes back 10 or more years.

The jobs that require a Top Secret Investigation are as follows:

- Pilot
- Navigator (Now Combat Systems Officer)
- Intelligence
- Air Battle Manager
- Space & Missiles

Top Secret Investigations are more in-depth and can take up to 1 year to complete and grant.