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HAYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE TO JRTOC FLIGHT ACADEMY

BROWNSVILLE, TENNESSE, December 13, 2022 — A Haywood High School senior has earned the chance to possibly complete her private pilot's license for free.

Asia Silas was selected as an alternate in the Private Pilot Certification Program also known as the AJROTC Flight Academy. Asia was recommended by her JROTC instructor and was one of only 300 students selected nationwide.

Should Asia be able to attend the Flight Academy, she would have the opportunity to earn her private pilot's license at no cost. The Air Force is providing 200 scholarships for the program.

"I offer my personal congratulations to all Select and Alternate cadets. Being designated for the opportunity to earn a private pilot certification is a significant accomplishment. I encourage cadets attending this program to do their very best and make the most of this amazing opportunity," said Colonel Johnny R. McGonigal, Director of JROTC.

The Flight Academy will take place as a summer university program during the summer of 2023.