



NCSA “GREEN LIGHT” PROCEDURES

This Operating Instructions describes the procedures for the administration of the “Green Light” program for National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA).

1. Philosophy. The NCSA "Green Light" process allows each Wing to designate 10% of cadets applying for an NCSA to receive special ranking in the overall ranking process administered by National Headquarters (NHQ).

a. Indiana Wing (INWG) values high Cadet Program achievement, length of Cadet Program participation, continuation of Cadet Program participation after high school, commitment to involvement in Aerospace Education (AE), commitment to the Emergency Services mission, and the opportunity to reward cadets recognized as leaders within INWG.

b. INWG’s “Green Light” selection procedure will utilize the Cadet Program, longevity and age components of NHQ’s NCSA grading profile, and provide an extra 10 points divided between AE, ES and wing-level award recognition. (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Scoring Methodology.

Milestone (20 possible points)	Age (10 possible points)	Years in Program (15 possible points)	AE (4 possible points)	ES (4 Possible Points)	Awards (2 possible points)
Spaatz = 20 points	18+ = 10 points	5+ years = 15 points	Solo/CAP Pilot = 4 points	GBD = 4 points	Wing Cadet of the Year = 2 points
Eaker = 16 pts	17 = 8 pts	4 years = 12 pts	5 Orientation Flights = 3 points	GTL or MSA = 3 points	Different Wing-level "Annual Award" = 1 point
Earhart = 14 pts	16 = 6 pts	3 years = 9 pts	3 or 4 Orientation Flights = 2	MRO or GTM = 2 points	No Wing "Annual Award" = 0 points
Mitchell = 12 pts	15 = 4 pts	2 years = 5 pts	<3 Orientation Flights = 1	GES = 1 point	
Wright Bros = 8 pts	14 = 3 pts	1 year = 2 pts	No Orientation Flights = 0	No Qualification = 0 points	
None = 0 pts	<14 = 0 pts	<1 years = 0 pts			

2. Responsibilities.

a. Wing Commander (INWG/CC). Final authority for the selection of “Green Light” cadets.

b. Director of Cadet Programs (INWG/CP). Administers the NCSA application program within Indiana Wing, evaluates all cadets for “Green Light” status, and provides the final list of proposed “Green Light” cadets to INWG/CC.

c. Applicants. Follow procedures as published by NHQ for NCSA applications. It is the responsibility of the individual cadet to understand and utilize published NCSA procedures.

d. Unit Commanders. Review and approve applicants in accordance with NHQ’s published NCSA procedures. Commander must not approve applicants which they do not believe should be attending the applied for NCSA.

3. Procedures.

a. NCSA applicants have until 15 January of each year to apply for NCSAs in the online module.

b. On 1 February of each year, INWG/CP will evaluate every cadet in the module using the scoring methodology found in Figure 1. Cadets with more points will be ranked higher than cadets with fewer points.

c. INWG/CP will present the list of ranked cadets to INWG/CC no later than 10 February, along with the authorized number of “Green Light” slots.

d. INWG/CC will review the ranked list of cadets and select the “Green Light” cadets.

e. INWG/CP will enter the INWG/CC-approved list of “Green Light” cadets into the system per NHQ’s published timeline, and will notify “Green Light” cadets and their chain of command they have been so selected.

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