

## Squadron Officer School (SOS) (Distance Learning)

<b>WHO is Eligible?</b>	Department of the Air Force civilian employees in the grades of GS-9 to GS-12 who possess regionally-accredited baccalaureate degrees. The eligibility criteria for SOS DL are found in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2670, Total Force Development. Waivers may be granted for Federal Wage System employees.
<b>WHAT is the Opportunity?</b>	<p>The Squadron Officer School distance learning (SOS DL) program is the Air Force’s primary developmental education (PDE) program and is designed to advance the professional development foundation provided by the accessions programs. The SOS DL curriculum is based on Air Force and Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) publications for subject matter content in leadership, communication, profession of arms, warfare, and international security areas of study. As an Air Force program, SOS DL seeks to provide an “air-minded” curriculum that prepares graduates for greater responsibilities at the squadron level while also building critical thinking skills in the application of airpower for national security goals and objectives.</p> <p>The SOS DL 2.0 program includes a robust mix of self-paced and asynchronous facilitated courses. This program continues the transformation of officer PME and the SOS DL experience to “...develop Airmen who are critical and creative thinkers by implementing an agile, individually tailored approach to life- long education...” (USAF Strategic Master Plan, May 2015). The SOS DL 2.0 curriculum provides students with peer-to-peer interaction and collaboration opportunities, facilitation by DL-certified faculty, and the ability to customize the program to suit personal and professional needs.</p>
<b>WHAT is the Outcome?</b>	Certificate
<b>WHEN do I Apply?</b>	Open season opens in late August/early September of each year
<b>WHERE is it Located?</b>	Online
<b>HOW do I Apply?</b>	<a href="https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/eSchool/SOS/">https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/eSchool/SOS/</a>

## Points of Contact

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