

**BY ORDER OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT**

**HQ UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY  
INSTRUCTION 36-2805**

**06 DECEMBER 2002**



**Personnel**

**MALHAM M. WAKIN CHARACTER  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

**COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLICATION IS MANDATORY**

---

**NOTICE:** This publication is available digitally on the AFDPO WWW site at:  
<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>

---

OPR: 34 TRW/CWC (Maj Mark Tarnow)  
Supersedes USAFAI 36-2805, 16 April 2002

Certified by: 34 TRW/CWC (Col John Herd)  
Pages: 3  
Distribution: F

---

This instruction implements AFD36-28, *Awards and Decoration Programs*, by establishing procedures to recognize significant contributions and deeds which exemplify good character. It governs all responsibilities and procedures to this special award as defined in AFI 36-2805, *Special Trophies and Awards*, and lists criteria for selecting award winners. It applies to all personnel who are or have been assigned to or graduated from the United States Air Force Academy.

### **SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

Updated office symbols in paragraph 2., and added timing of announcement of the award winner.

**1. Purpose.** The USAFA Malham M. Wakin Character Award offers the institution a formal means of recognizing significant acts that are consistent with the Academy definition of character and the Air Force Core Values. The award honors Brigadier General Malham M. Wakin, USAF, Retired, who served as instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, distinguished professor, and ultimately as head of the Philosophy and Fine Arts Department at USAFA from 1959-1995.

1.1. To reinforce USAFA's institutional commitment to a public forum.

**2. Nominating Procedures.** Early in the fall semester, the Chief, Excellence Division (34 TRW/CWCX), will solicit nominees from the USAFA community at large via Distribution A. The Director, Center for Character Development (34 TRW/CWC), will convene a selection panel consisting of representatives from: Dean of the Faculty (HQ USAFA/DF); Athletics (HQ USAFA/AH); 34th Training Group (34 TRG); Honor Division (34 TRW/CWCH); Human Relations Division (34 TRW/CWCR); 34 TRW/CWCL; USAFA Chapel Staff (HQ USAFA/HC); and the USAFA Character Development Commission. Nomination write-ups will be limited to two pages using AF Form 1206, **Nomination for Award**. Selection of the recipient will be made by 31 January each year. Announcement of winner will be made during the spring National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS). As a minimum, nominations **must**

include significant contributions to Cadet Character Development efforts. Additionally, the following areas **may** be included for consideration:

- 2.1. Conspicuous moral courage.
- 2.2. Great personal sacrifice.
- 2.3. Conduct above and beyond the requirements of duty.
- 2.4. Leadership and professionalism in keeping with the highest ideals of Air Force tradition.

**3. Funds.** This award has been endowed by the USAFA Class of 1974 with \$1000.00 per year authorized in gift funds for reasonable associated costs such as trophies, plaques, travel expenses for award recipient and spouse, meals for all those associated with the presentation of the award and any cadets participating in the presentation ceremony. This includes trophies, plaques, emblems, certificates, and similar items that are designed for display purposes. Refer to AFI65-601, V1, *Budget Guidance and Procedures*, for further guidance.

**4. Travel.** Military members or Department of the Air Force civilians will attend the presentation ceremonies at government expense. Spousal travel, nonmilitary member or non-Department of the Air Force civilian travel must be authorized in accordance with Joint Travel Regulation (JTR, Vol 2, Sect's C6000-C6002).

**5. Presentation.** Award presentation will be made by the Superintendent (HQ USAFA/CC) or a representative during the Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium.

**6. Form Adopted.** AF Form 1206, Nomination for Award.

S. TACO GILBERT III, Brig Gen, USAF  
Commander, 34th Training Wing

**Attachment 1**

**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

***References***

Air Force Instruction 36-2805, *Special Trophies and Awards*

USAFI Instruction 36-158, *Supporting Cadet Character Development*