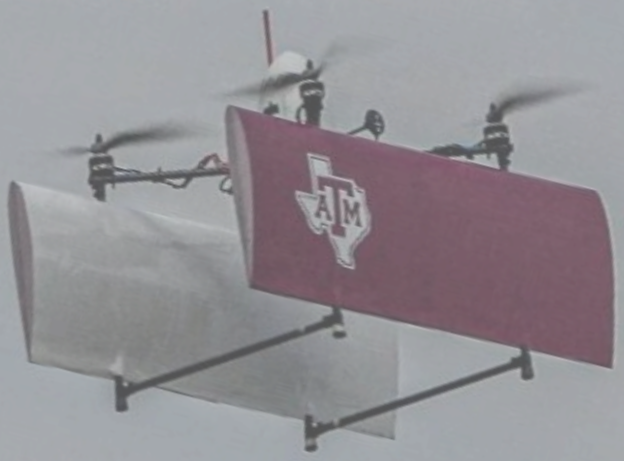


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ABOUT US

The Texas A&M Vertical Flight Society is the Texas A&M chapter of the National Vertical Flight Society, dedicated to advancing vertical flight. Our chapter serves as an **incubator for student vertical flight initiatives**, managing funding, partnerships, logistics, and shared initiatives so technical teams can focus on **execution rather than administration**.

HISTORY

Our inaugural program was TAMU VFD, founded in August 2023 by eleven aerospace students with a common goal: **pushing the boundaries of vertical flight**. Their relentless pursuit of innovation culminated in VFD taking home **its first championship** in the prestigious VFS student DBVF competition only eight months after being founded.

Since then, VFS has grown to **nearly 120 students**, all carrying the same **innovative mindset** that drives the team's pursuit of excellence. Our members' renowned blend of adaptability, ingenuity, and technical skills allows them to thrive in **real-world** applications.

MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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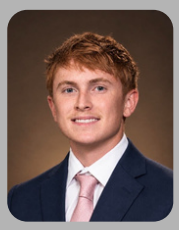
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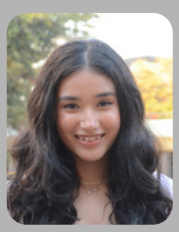
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OUR VISION

We are building Texas A&M into a **global leader in vertical flight innovation**. We do this by providing Aggies hands-on technical opportunities, professional development, workshops, guest lectures, and direct exposure to industry. Our approach is **people-first**: we develop engineers who are ready to lead and shape the future of vertical flight. VFS supports this mission through our three core pillars:

RESEARCH

VFS pushes its members to learn from industry innovations by sourcing technical research papers.

INNOVATE

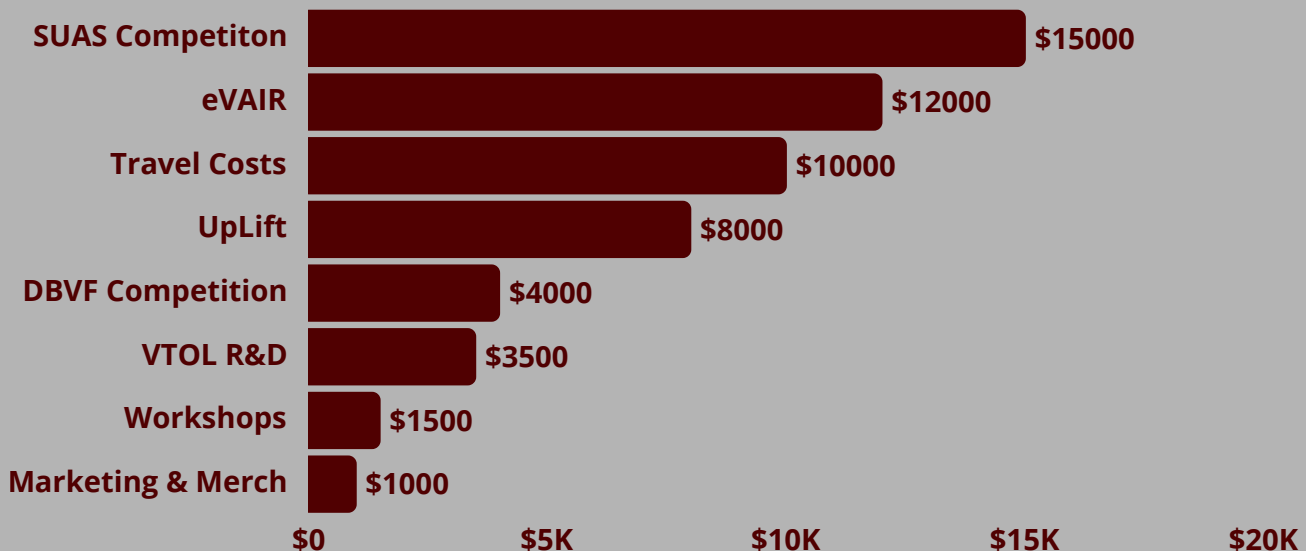
We produce innovative engineers with real-world experience that are ready to be pioneers in any industry.

DISPLAY

We present and test the culmination of our work throughout the year in competitions or forums.

2026-2027 Budget Breakdown

Based on past years' spending and goals for the upcoming year, we plan to spend a total of **$55,000** across all of our VFS programs; see the breakdown:



PROGRAMS

VERTICAL FLIGHT DESIGN (VFD) *award-winning competitive design team*

National Champions of the Vertical Flight Society student design-build-vertical flight (DBVF) competition. Competing in SUAS for 2026-27, first ever TAMU entrant





eVTOL Autonomy & AI Research (eVAIR) *research program*

Student led research program focused on developing **artificial intelligence systems** for autonomous eVTOL flight. Publishing first **research paper in 2027** for the VFS technical forum.

UpLift *high school outreach program*

Weekly, yearlong outreach program designed to teach **HS students** to design, build, and fly 3-inch FPV drones. Currently at Texas A&M consolidated high school, **teaching 30 students**.







BREAKDOWN

COMPETITIONS

TAMU VFS will be sponsoring entries into three worldwide competitions

DBVF

Design Build Vertical Flight is a yearly eVTOL challenge. Past competitions have focused on developing aircraft for **autonomous firefighting** capabilities, with our VFD team **winning first overall** in 2024, and podium category finishes in 2025 and 2026.

SUAS 2027

The **Student Unmanned Aerial Systems** competition is the largest UAS competition in the world, with nearly **100 teams worldwide**. Missions can last **up to an hour,** incorporating long-distance travel, autonomous payload integration, **spatial mapping**, and more. VFS is entering the 2026-2027 competition.

UTA 3D Printed Aircraft

The UTA 3D Printed Drone Competition involves designing a drone that can be **fully 3D printed**, with the longest flying drone after a maximum 8 seconds of sustained propulsion winning. VFS is entering the 2026-27 competition for the first time.

TECHNOLOGY

REV-1, revolutionary Biplane Tailsitter, won DBVF 24



REV-3, high lift firefighting autonomous hex



Rev-2, 25 lbs, 80 mph cruise. subscale of finalist in the $1M GoAERO proposal



URBAN NAVIGATION land rover prototype



EVENTS

OPEN FLY DAYS

This hands-on experience offers opportunities to **pilot drones**, observe flight testing, and learn about aircraft systems in a practical setting.

A^{3}M COMPETITION

VFS is developing the **Aggie Advanced Air Mobility** competition, a new eVTOL competition incubating new startups and technology.

INDUSTRY TRIPS

Trips to **conferences** and **sponsor headquarters**. The 2026 trip went to Seattle, touring **Boeing** and **Blue Origin**.

VFS SPONSORS

WHY SPONSOR

None of these aspirations would be possible without the support of our generous sponsors! Sponsoring VFS allows us to continue **winning championships**, releasing **research publications**, and sharing **educational opportunities** with the community. By sponsoring VFS, you're helping support the **future of vertical flight** innovation, and making a **direct impact** on not just our aspiring Aggie Engineers, but everyone in the Bryan/College Station community.

SPONSOR BENEFITS

Monetary donations are **tax-deductible** through the Texas A&M Foundation, a registered **501(c)(3)**. Please contact us for equipment donations, or with any questions at **tamuvfs@gmail.com**

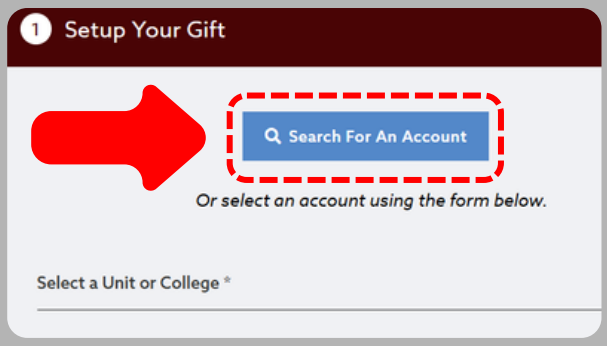
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Personal thank you letter	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo/name on website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quarterly design updates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Team resume bank access		✓	✓	✓
Social media thank you		✓	✓	✓
Invitation to VFS events (flight testing, etc.)		✓	✓	✓
Logo/name on aircraft			✓	✓
Special thanks in all media regarding competition			✓	✓
Receive VFD merchandise			✓	✓
Exclusive recruitment opportunities with the team				✓
Premium logo placement				✓
Custom benefit requests				✓

PAYMENT STEPS

STEP 1

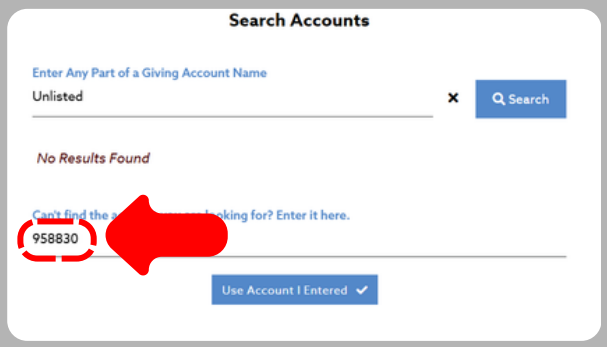
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STEP 2



Under **"Setup Your Gift"**, please click **"Search For An Account"**

STEP 3



Enter **“Unlisted”** into the search bar and hit Search.

Enter **958830** into the field marked “Can’t find the account you’re looking for”.

STEP 4

Enter your **donation amount**, then fill out the rest of the fields.

STEP 5

Email the attached sponsorship donation form to **tamuvfs@gmail.com** once you’ve finished, to ensure you receive all of your sponsorship benefits!

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