

## ROTC Scholarship Process

What is an ROTC Scholarship?

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is an officer training program for college students who commit to serve in the U.S. military after college. While enrolled in college, you will be taking courses required for your selected major while also taking ROTC elective courses and specialized military training. After graduation, you will receive a commission in the service and will be required to serve for anywhere between four and eight years, depending on the branch.

ROTC Scholarships will cover the majority of college expenses including textbooks, tuition and fees. In addition, ROTC cadets will receive a small stipend to cover other expenses. In exchange, you will be required to participate in military training while in school as well as service after graduation. The key is that you must also be admitted to the college where the ROTC scholarship has been awarded. These two processes must occur at the same time – the ROTC scholarship application and the admission process for the schools you noted on your ROTC application.

If you are awarded an ROTC scholarship, it will be designated for a specific school on your list. You are required to give more than one school on your application and they should not all be stretch schools. Let's examine the various ROTC scholarships:

### Navy ROTC

**Application Deadline is 31 January 2019 (opens 4/1/18)**

**Includes Navy ROTC, Navy ROTC Marine Corp Option and Navy ROTC Nursing**

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.html>

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The Navy Reserve Officers Training Program (NROTC) is a multi-year program that runs concurrently with a student's normal college or university educational course of study. In addition to a normal academic workload leading to a Baccalaureate degree, NROTC students attend classes in Naval Science, participate in the NROTC unit for drill, physical training, and other activities, and are generally taught the leadership principles and high ideals of a military officer. During the summer break between school years, NROTC students participate in a variety of training activities. These sessions will help students understand various career options as well as familiarize them with a military life.

#### Requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship, a Naturalized U.S. Citizen or in process of becoming a Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- Not less than 17 years old by Sept. 1 of year starting college and no more than 23 on December 31 of that year
- Must not have reached 27th birthday by December 31 of year in which graduation and commissioning are anticipated
- High school graduation or equivalency certificate by August 1 of year of entrance into four-year NROTC Scholarship program
- No moral obligations or personal convictions that prevent conscientious bearing of arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic or to taking an oath to perform such acts.
- Medically qualified by Navy or Marine Corps standards

- You must not have any body piercing or tattoos that violate Navy or Marine Corps policy.
- College credits do not count until an applicant has graduated high school and completed a term of college; then all college credits earned (prior to and after high school graduation) count towards the eligibility requirements.
- You must be within Navy or Marine Corps height/weight standards when you report.
- Apply for and gain admission to an approved NROTC college or university. Admission to an NROTC institution is not required during the selection process; however, notification of admission must be received before the scholarship can be activated.
- Students may apply for only one of **three** program options-Navy, Marine Corps or Nurse
- Navy and Nurse-option applicants should apply online at or through Navy recruiting offices (<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.html>)
- Marine Corps applicants should apply online or through Marine Corps recruiting offices
- Navy & Nursing SAT Requirements: minimum of 550 ERW (English) and a minimum of 540 Math **AND** at least a 1200 Combined score (Can be super scored) – you may submit up to 6 SAT score sets
- Navy & Nursing ACT Requirements: minimum 22 English and a minimum of 21 Math **AND** at least a 47 Combined (Can be super scored)
- Marine Corp Requirements: SAT minimum score of 1000 combined; ACT minimum composite score of 22; minimum ASVAB score of 74. (Will not be super scored)

#### **The Process:**

You may start the process of applying during the second semester of your junior year of high school (opens April 1<sup>st</sup>). Before the application can be finalized and forward for selection consideration, you must ensure that a copy of your complete transcript including your entire junior year is forwarded to your recruiter.

Applicants must use the online application to complete and submit all the required information in order to apply for the NROTC scholarship (except Marine Corp option).

This online application is extensive and may require several hours to complete. You are able to start the application and save your progress as you complete each section. We have provided an Application Information Checklist to assist you in gathering information and to streamline the process of applying for a scholarship.

Applicants are asked to pick **five** NROTC affiliated colleges or universities in their scholarship application. Each school must be for a different NROTC Unit and one of the top three choices must be a state school where they qualify to receive an in-state tuition rate, not necessarily in the applicant's home state.

Each applicant must also select an academic program in which they intend to major. All academic programs fall into three tiers relative to the Navy's technical needs.

#### **Academic Majors:**

The Navy is preparing our officer corps of the future to meet the dynamic challenges in the next generation of technology and leadership. In structuring our academic programs to meet these challenges, undergraduate academic majors for Navy ROTC Navy option midshipmen are divided into three categories or tiers: **Tier 1** - engineering programs of Navy interest, **Tier 2** - other engineering, math and science programs, **Tier 3** - Foreign language and remaining academic programs. In order to keep pace in this high tech and diverse environment, approximately 85% of Navy Option Navy ROTC scholarships offers will be awarded to students interested in

completing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 academic major. The Navy ROTC scholarship provides full tuition and fees at 159 of our nation's most elite and prestigious colleges and universities.

### **Tier 1 Academic Majors**

Aerospace, Aeronautical, Astronautical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

Naval Architecture & Marine/Naval Engineering  
Nuclear Engineering  
Ocean Engineering  
Systems Engineering

### **Tier 2 Academic Majors**

Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering  
Architectural Engineering/Architectural Engineering  
Technologies  
Astrophysics  
Biochemistry, Biophysics & Molecular Biology  
Biomathematics & Bioinformatics  
Biomedical/Medical Engineering  
Biotechnology  
Cell/Cellular Biology & Anatomical Sciences  
Ceramic Sciences & Engineering  
Chemistry  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Programming  
Computer Science/Info. Tech.  
Construction Engineering  
Electronics & Comm. Engineering  
Engineering Mechanics  
Engineering Physics  
Engineering Science

General Engineering  
General Science  
Industrial Engineering  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Materials Engineering  
Mathematics  
Metallurgical Engineering  
Microbiological Sciences and Immunology  
Mining & Mineral Engineering  
Nuclear & Industrial Radiologic Technology  
Oceanography  
Petroleum Engineering  
Pharmacology & Toxicology  
Physics  
Physiology, Pathology & Related Sciences  
Polymer/Plastics Engineering  
Quantitative Economics  
Statistics  
Textile Sciences & Engineering

Some of the academic majors listed above may not match word-for-word the majors offered at each of the more than 150 colleges and universities partnered with Navy ROTC. If you have questions about how a major at a particular school fits into our Navy ROTC academic major tier categories or our language program, please contact the Navy ROTC unit located at that school. Or, you can contact the Navy ROTC scholarship office at [pnsn\\_rotc.scholarship@navy.mil](mailto:pnsn_rotc.scholarship@navy.mil)

### **Tier 3 Academic Majors**

Students interested in pursuing Tier 3 academic majors (all other academic majors not listed in Tier 1 or Tier 2) should examine the opportunities available in the Navy's Language Skills, Regional Expertise, and Cultural Awareness (LREC) Program. Annually, the Navy will offer this program to 20 - 30 students. Attainment of a specific level of language proficiency is not required by the Navy ROTC LREC program.

Scholarships will be awarded to an NROTC unit in conjunction with the academic major and tier the applicant specified on their application. If offered the scholarship, the student will be expected to attend the school where their scholarship is placed and have the ability to request a change of placement as needed or desired. Requests are approved on a case-by-case basis and are mainly dependent on the scholarship availability at the requested school at the time of processing. The student must be mindful if they choose a cross-town school that there may be cross-town commuting costs and class timing issues which will need to be resolved. The enrolled school must support the academic major or equivalent for which the scholarship was awarded. Also, **the student must have applied for admission to and been accepted at any school they wish to utilize the scholarship.**

Portions of the information in your NROTC application will be shared with the U.S. Naval Academy Admissions Office. However, in order to apply to the U.S. Naval Academy you must go to the website below and complete the application process.

**In addition to the online application, the following items must also be completed:**

- Applicants must conduct an Applicant Fitness Assessment (AFA) and provide the score sheet to your recruiter. Gunner will administer the AFA to all interested candidates. Please ensure that you are in communication with Gunner to schedule. It can be taken multiple times to ensure you are the most competitive candidate. Click the link for more information  
[http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/physical\\_requirements.html](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/physical_requirements.html)
- Applicants must coordinate with their recruiter/coordinator in order to complete the following forms:
  - Statement of Understanding for NROTC Application
  - Debarment Statement for NROTC Application
  - Drug Statement for NROTC Application
- You must set up your interview with a local Navy ROTC unit. This information will appear on your Navy ROTC online portal – you can select the one that works best for you. For example, you may decide that you want to interview at Villanova University. You would contact them directly to set up the interview.
- A checklist is provided by the NROTC office and can be accessed at  
<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/pdfs/NROTC%20Scholarship%20Application%20Information%20Checklist%20-%20Updated%20June%202017.pdf>

**Navy/Nurse Applicants:**

If you are already attending College and your Officer Interview was not conducted by an NROTC Unit Staff Officer, you may have a new Officer Interview conducted by an NROTC Staff Officer if you desire. Contact your local NROTC Unit to schedule an Officer Interview.

- Applicants must work with their recruiter/coordinator to ensure the application is complete and forwarded for consideration no later than the first week of March in order for it to be considered by the selection board.
  - **Note: You must provide a copy of your application to the person conducting your officer interviewer.**
- Applicant must continue to check their application status on the website to ensure their application is processed.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Requests to change your first choice school must include your planned college major at that school. Updates or additions to your application must be received prior to the application window closing.

### **Application processing stages:**

- **At Recruiter level for Processing:**  
Application is not finished processing and may be missing some information
- **At NSTC level for Processing:**  
Application received by Naval Service Training Command and is being prepared for Board Review.  
Application is not finished processing and may be missing some information
- **Board Ready:**  
Application is complete and ready to go before a Selection Board
- **Pending Decision:**  
Application is being or has been reviewed by a Selection Board

### **Final stages of the selection process:**

- After the application is finalized, it will be presented to a Selection Board, a diverse panel of senior officers, which will make the selection decision.
- If selected, the NROTC Placement Office will determine the NROTC Unit at which the scholarship will be placed. Placement decisions are based on:
  - Applicant preference, determined by the order of their 5 school choices
  - Scholarship capacity available at each school
- If selected, the status of the application will be updated on the NROTC website and a selection letter will be sent via U.S mail to the address provided in the application.
- The applicant will then be contacted by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) to initiate a medical examination. Applicants must be found medically qualified for the NROTC scholarship prior to activating their scholarship.

A Navy ROTC application checklist is available at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.html>

## Army ROTC

Application must be started by early February and will close early March (dates TBD) – Open date TBD

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

Click here to view a tutorial on filling out the scholarship: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV\\_kgAj98HE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV_kgAj98HE)

### Scholarships for high school students

The Four-Year High School Scholarship is for high school students planning on attending a four-year college program.

#### Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Score a minimum of 1000 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores)
- [Meet physical standards](#)
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard)

#### Your commitment:

- An eight-year service commitment with the Army.
- Serve full time in the Army for four years and four years with the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
- Selected Cadets may choose to serve part time in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career

#### Apply Online:

If you are applying for a scholarship, you first will need to create a MY GOARMY account. Once you create an account, you will be sent to the MY GOARMY Log In page. Once you can successfully login to MY GOARMY, you can use your newly created account information to login to the scholarship application site. **You will be required to provide multiple schools on your Army ROTC application.**

## **ARMY ROTC FAQs:**

### **WHAT KINDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN ARMY ROTC? ARE ANY OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS RETROACTIVE?**

Army ROTC offers two-, three- and four-year scholarships, which pay full tuition and fees, include a separate allowance for books, and a monthly stipend of up to \$5,000 a year. Army ROTC scholarships are not retroactive.

### **ARE ALL COLLEGE MAJORS COMPATIBLE WITH ARMY ROTC?**

Army ROTC Cadets are allowed to major in nearly all academic areas.

### **WHAT ARE ARMY ROTC COURSES LIKE? HOW WILL THE CLASS WORK HELP ME? WILL ROTC CLASSES INTERFERE WITH MY OTHER STUDIES?**

Army ROTC classes normally involve one elective class and one lab per semester. Although the classes involve hands-on fieldwork as well as classroom work, they are standard college classes that fit into a normal academic schedule. These courses can help students with personal and academic decision-making while giving them the tools to exercise leadership in college life, even before graduating and becoming Officers.

### **HOW WILL BEING AN ARMY ROTC CADET AFFECT MY DAILY LIFE? DO CADETS EXPERIENCE NORMAL COLLEGE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES?**

Army ROTC Cadets have the same lifestyles and academic schedules as any other college students. They join fraternities and sororities. They participate in varsity team and individual sports. They take part in community service projects. But there are two intensive Army ROTC courses that take place on Army Posts, usually during the summer:

- Leader's Training Course—This four-week summer course at Fort Knox, KY is ONLY for students who enroll in Army ROTC without having taken the first two years of military science classes.
- Leader Development and Assessment Course—All Cadets who enter the Advanced Course must attend this five-week summer course at Fort Lewis, WA between their junior and senior years.

### **WHAT IS THE TYPICAL CAREER PATH FOR AN ARMY OFFICER? WHAT CAREER FIELDS ARE AVAILABLE?**

Army ROTC graduates are commissioned as U.S. Army Second Lieutenants. They then receive specialized training in one of 17 different Army branches. During their Army careers, they'll receive regular professional training as they advance through the ranks, and they'll have many opportunities for advanced leadership positions and post-graduate education.



## AIR FORCE ROTC

**Open June 1 ~ Application deadline is December 1  
(Supporting materials can be added until January 12)**

<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships>

Air Force ROTC scholarships cover your tuition and most lab fees. Also, you'll receive an annual textbook allowance and up to a \$500 spending cash monthly stipend. A variety of full and partial scholarships are available, and certain scholarships have specific requirements. You can learn more about that here.

### **The high school scholarship application process consists of several steps:**

- Submit your online application between June 1 and December 1.
- After you complete the online application, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to download, electronically complete and submit/upload the following forms
- Counselor Certification/Copy of Transcript (unofficial or official copy with ninth–11th grades only)
  - Download, print and submit the form to your counselor for review/approval and request a copy of your transcript (may be unofficial or official copy with ninth–11th grades only. DO NOT wait for your 12th-grade grades as they are not considered.). Scan and upload signed counselor certification form and signed transcript. These forms are required in order to maintain your eligibility. Faxed copies WILL NOT be accepted.
- Extracurricular Activity Sheet
  - Please complete and submit the form online after completing your scholarship application. Faxed copies WILL NOT be accepted.
- Physical Fitness Test
  - Print a copy of the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) work sheet. Take the work sheet with you when you complete your fitness assessment. Have the examiner fill in all of the information on the form and make sure he/she signs and dates the form.
  - After you have completed the PFA, use the work sheet (filled out by your examiner) to enter your results electronically in the fields provided. You will also need to scan/upload the completed and signed PFA form. Faxed copies WILL NOT be accepted.
  - NOTE: We will not accept any PFA scores/test from any other branch of service to include the United States Air Force Academy. Also, if you live in an area where the weather is bad in the winter, please do not wait until the deadline is approaching to take the test. There will be no exceptions made for extending the deadline due to inclement weather.
- SAT and/or ACT scores and GPA must be submitted by the deadline. Below are some helpful guidelines:
  - To be eligible for scholarship consideration, you must achieve an SAT composite of 1240 or ACT composite of 26. Applicant must also attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. There are no waivers or exceptions to the SAT/ACT or GPA requirements.
  - We now ONLY accept ACT/SAT scores electronically through the ACT or SAT agency using AFROTC Test Code 0548.
- You must also enter your GPA electronically in the fields provided.

When you have completed all the steps above and have met all qualifications, a local AFROTC detachment will contact you to schedule an interview with an Air Force Officer. Then, a selection board made up of senior Air Force Officers will evaluate your record and interview to determine whether or not you will be offered a

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scholarship. They are considering your overall potential and the “whole person” concept, specifically evaluating the following criteria:

- Leadership and work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Results from your personal interview
- Questionnaire results
- Academic scores

If you do not receive a scholarship offer, you can still take Air Force ROTC classes your freshman year. If you receive a scholarship offer and decide to accept it, you will need to complete a medical exam and meet our physical requirements. Then you will receive further guidance from your Air Force ROTC detachment for the fall term.

### **Schools and Majors:**

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships in all academic majors necessary to meet Air Force needs. These needs can change from year to year. You should carefully consider the academic majors you put on your application. You may list up to three majors, but you should only list academic majors you would be willing to pursue.

If you are selected for a scholarship, Air Force ROTC will notify you of the type of scholarship and major of the offer. You must then accept or decline the scholarship offer in that major.

The most highly desired majors for AFROTC cadets are electrical engineering, computer engineering, meteorology, nuclear physics and nuclear engineering. Scholarship applicants selecting these majors might receive priority in the scholarship selection process. We encourage HSSP applicants to apply and pursue technical and foreign language majors, as they are critical to the Air Force's mission. Technical scholarship offers are awarded at a rate of approximately 80 percent, followed by foreign language majors. Very few foreign language nontechnical scholarships are awarded.

For all nontechnical scholarships, cadets must successfully complete either four semesters of a single foreign language or 24 hours of math and physical science (with a minimum grade of C-) before they graduate/commission.

There are over 1100 AFROTC units (too many to list) in the United States. To browse the Air Force ROTC units, go to <https://www.afrotc.com/locator> and select the state you are interested in. There are three units available in the State of Delaware: University of Delaware, Delaware State University and Wilmington University.

### **Types of Scholarships:**

There are three different types of scholarships, and the application process is the same for all of them.

Type 1—Pays full college tuition, most fees and a book allowance. Approximately five percent of our four-year scholarships are Type 1—mostly in technical fields as deemed needed by the Air Force (careers with a scientific basis such as engineering, chemistry and meteorology).

Type 2—Pays college tuition and most fees up to \$18,000 and a book allowance. Approximately 15 percent of our four-year scholarship winners will be offered a Type 2 scholarship (again, mostly in technical fields). If a student attends an institution where the tuition exceeds \$18,000 per year, then he/she pays the difference.

Type 7—Pays college tuition up to the equivalent of a public school's in-state rate and a book allowance. If a student receives a Type 7 offer but wishes to attend a college/university where they do not qualify under the

guidelines, the student can convert the four-year Type 7 scholarship to a three-year Type 2 scholarship. You cannot activate a Type 7 scholarship at a nonqualifying school and pay the difference.

### **Scholarship Length**

Three- and four-year scholarships are available. All four-year scholarships activate in the fall of your freshman year. All three-year scholarships activate in the fall of your sophomore year. The only three-year type of scholarship offered is Type 2. All three-year scholarship designees must complete AFROTC training during their freshman year in order to retain eligibility to activate their scholarships at the start of their sophomore year.

### **Scholarship Status**

Air Force ROTC will contact you periodically about your status, and you can track your application status online. After you submit your application, you will be notified via email of your eligibility status. If you have not heard anything within six weeks, it is your responsibility to contact Air Force ROTC.

### **Commitment to the Air Force**

If you are awarded a scholarship, you become obligated when you accept and sign an agreement with the United States Air Force. If you are under legal age in the state where the school is located, your parent or legal guardian signs this agreement.

You will agree to:

- Enroll in the academic major for which the scholarship is offered.
- Enroll in Air Force ROTC beginning with the 2018 fall term.
- Complete a 24-day summer field training course at Maxwell AFB, Alabama (usually between your sophomore and junior years).
- Complete Air Force ROTC General Military Course (GMC) your freshman and sophomore years and the Professional Officer Course (POC) your junior and senior years.
- Accept a commission as an Air Force Officer and serve at least four years on active duty.

After completing all Air Force ROTC and academic degree requirements, contracted cadets—cadets in the Professional Officer Course (POC) and scholarship cadets—accept a commission as second lieutenants in the Air Force, appointed by the President of the United States. The length of your initial service commitment depends on your career. Most cadets make a four-year, active duty service commitment. Pilots make a 10-year, active duty service commitment and both Combat System Officers and Air Battle Managers career field make a six-year service commitment. Nursing graduates accept a commission in the Air Force Nurse Corps and serve four years on active duty after completing their licensing examination.

### **Staying Eligible**

After you're selected, you must maintain a Term GPA and CGPA of 2.5 or higher to activate it. Four-year HSSP selectees activating in the fall term of the freshman year are exempt from this requirement. Keep in mind that summer terms, while not funded, will be used in calculating Term GPA and CGPA for scholarship eligibility.

Keep in mind that you'll need to be medically certified before your scholarship benefits can begin. The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB) will send you complete instructions. If you have a medical question, DODMERB is your only official source. Contact them at 719-333-3562.

**You can apply for scholarships in the following categories:**

Technical Majors		
Aeronautical Engineering	Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Aerospace Engineering	Computer Engineering	Meteorology/Atmospheric Sciences
Architectural Engineering	Computer Science	Nuclear Engineering
Architecture	Electrical Engineering	Nuclear Physics
Astronautical Engineering	Environmental Engineering	Operations Research
Chemistry	Mathematics	Physics

Foreign Language Majors		
Arabic	Japanese	Somali
Baluchi	Javanese	Swahili
Bengali	Korean	Turkish
Chinese, Amoy	Pashto-Afghan	Turkmen
Chinese, Cantonese	Persian-Afghan	--
Chinese, Mandarin	Persian-Iranian	--
Chinese, Wu	Punjabi	--
Indonesian	Russian	--

All Other Majors
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You can apply for scholarships in all other majors, however, scholarship applicants selecting technical and foreign language majors may receive priority.

### **Withdrawal of application**

You may withdraw your application at any time. Just send an email to the High School Scholarship Program Selections Section at [AFROTC.collegescholarshipprogram@us.af.mil](mailto:AFROTC.collegescholarshipprogram@us.af.mil).

You may apply for any other officer training program, but once you enroll in another program, you will be removed from Air Force ROTC scholarship consideration. Other officer training programs include:

- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Military Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Army ROTC Scholarship Program
- Naval ROTC Scholarship Program
- Marine Platoon Leaders Course

If you enroll in another program, notify the High School Scholarship Program Section immediately. Your failure to do this may cause permanent ineligibility for Air Force ROTC scholarships. If you choose to leave the other officer training program, you may apply for one of Air Force ROTC scholarships of fewer than four years if a waiver is granted.

### **Final Thoughts ...**

As always, you are not alone in this process. Feel free to stop in and see Gunner or Mrs. Certesio with any questions as you work through the process. Here is our contact information:

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