**AIR FORCE ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Air Force ROTC offers merit-based scholarships to both high school and college students. These scholarships range from one to four years and may be for full or partial tuition, including most fees. Students must meet all eligibility requirements to be nominated for, activate and retain a scholarship. Scholarship recipients also receive a $600/year textbook allowance and a monthly tax-free stipend (Freshmen - $300; Sophomores - $350; Juniors - $450; Seniors - $500).

**HIGH SCHOOL:**
Apply on-line at www.afrotc.com from spring of your junior year through fall of your senior year. Scholarships are offered for three or four years.

**IN-COLLEGE:**
College students are eligible to compete after their first term in the program. Scholarships offered vary from year-to-year and are merit-based and degree-focused scholarships. Contact our Recruiting Flight Commander for the current guidance.

**QUALIFICATIONS**
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a full-time student
- Be physically/medically qualified
- Complete all commissioning requirements

**AFROTC ACTIVITIES**
- Drill Teams
- Honor Guard
- Civil Air Patrol
- Arnold Air Society
- Intramural Sports
- Base Visits
- Military Balls and Dining’s Out
- Summer Travel Programs

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WHAT IS AIR FORCE ROTC?
Air Force ROTC is, along with the Academy and Officer Training School, one of three paths to becoming an Air Force officer. ROTC is a four-year leadership development program in which college students pursue their commissions while completing their undergraduate degrees at a civilian institution. Upon graduation they enter the Air Force as Second Lieutenants. The program prepares students to assume positions of increasing responsibility and importance in today’s Air Force. All text books and required uniforms are provided.

GENERAL MILITARY COURSE (GMC)
GMC is the first half of the program during which students experience the program without a Service obligation.* Cadets enroll in a one credit hour class to study the foundations of the Air Force and the historic development of air, space & cyber power. They also participate in two hours of Leadership Laboratory per week, during which Cadets develop followership skills and learn the fundamentals of military service.

ENROLLMENT ALLOCATIONS/FIELD TRAINING
GMC Cadets compete for Enrollment Allocations during spring term of the sophomore year. Those selected attend Field Training at Maxwell AFB, Alabama during the summer between the sophomore and junior years. Training includes marksmanship, survival training, expeditionary experience, physical conditioning, leadership challenges, and more.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICER COURSE (POC)
Cadets who successfully complete Field Training enter the POC to complete the second half of the program. POC Cadets enroll in a three credit hour class to study leadership and national security issues. They also assume ownership of the Leadership Laboratory, practicing their leadership skills by organizing and executing the Cadet Wing activities under the guidance of the Operations Flight Commander.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Cadets are matched to Rated assignments (i.e., Pilot, Combat Systems Officer, Air Battle Manager, or Remotely Piloted Aircraft) or an Air Force Specialty Code assignments during the senior year. The Air Force offers a wide range of challenging careers, such as:

- Space and Missile Operators, Cyber Operators, Nursing, Engineering, Special Tactics, Computers and Communications, Intelligence, Security Forces, and many more...

COMMISSION
Upon graduation from college and completion of AFROTC requirements, you will commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE BENEFITS
- Typical Starting Salary: ~$45,000
- Salary after four years: ~$65,000
- Housing Allowance
- Cost of Living Allowance
- Vacation: 30 days a year with pay
- Sick Leave: Unlimited with pay
- Medical/Dental Care: Provided
- Life Insurance: Up to $400,000
- Education: Up to 100% of tuition
- Retirement: After 20 years w/ 50% pay

NORMAL SERVICE OBLIGATION*
- Line Officers: 4 years Active Duty (plus 4 years on the Individual Ready Reserve list)
- Pilots: 10 years after pilot training
- CSO/ABM/RPA: 6 years after training

*A Service obligation is incurred upon scholarship activation or entry into the POC (start of Junior year).