



U.S. ARMY
Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
Scholarship Information
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College Bound Army ROTC Handbook

What is Army ROTC

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is the largest officer-producing organization within the American military. Over 600,000 men and women have earned a commission through the program. Among them are two Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, seven Army Chiefs of Staff, two Cabinet Secretaries and a sitting Supreme Court Associate Justice. Few other military commissioning sources can claim such significant lineage.

Throughout the last hundred years, the U.S. and its Army faced numerous challenges both at home and abroad. Wars against despotic foreign governments were fought and won; economic depressions endured; medical, scientific and technological advances were made; and U.S.-led peacekeeping operations contributed to greater global stability.

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) produces about 70% of the officers for the Active Army and its reserve components, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Admission is open to all college men and women who meet the standard qualifications.

Education goes beyond the classroom as it is designed to provide students with the basic concepts and principles of military art and science while developing the student's leadership, personal integrity, honor, responsibility, and appreciation for national security. These objectives establish a sound basis for future professional development and effective performance as commissioned officers in the U.S. Army, and as leaders in civilian enterprises.



ROTC Scholarship

The Army ROTC National High School Scholarship Program is designed to provide merit based financial assistance for quality students who have achieved academic excellence while in high school. To help meet the cost of a college education, Army ROTC offers merit based four-year scholarships to current high school seniors. Army ROTC is an Officer commissioning program that requires a student to take one Military Science class per semester along with the student's core degree classes. This program enables students to earn appointments as commissioned officers in the United States Army.

Benefit Package

The ROTC benefit package provides **full-tuition and mandatory fees OR \$5,000 per semester room and board**. The scholarship Cadet can decide which of these two options to take each semester. In addition to tuition and fees OR room and board, the student receives a \$1,200 per year book allowance (to be divided equally between semesters or quarters depending on the school's system).

Stipend

All contracted Cadets (scholarship and non-scholarship) enrolled in Army ROTC are entitled a stipend (monthly subsistence allowance) by law. The stipend for each Military Science level follows.

Freshman (MSI): \$420 per month* +

Sophomore (MSII): \$420 per month* +

Junior (MSIII): \$420 per month** +

Senior (MSIV): \$420 per month** +

* MS I and MS II cadets receive a stipend for no more than ten (10) months of any academic year or the actual duration of the academic year, whichever is shorter.

** Advance Course (MS III through MS IV year) Cadets receive a stipend for no more than 20 months uninterrupted except while attending Advance Camp and Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) normally the summer between the Junior and Senior Years.



How To Apply

Follow the link below and follow the instructions.

High School students between their Junior and Senior years can start the application on or about 12 June each year. The date is subject to change. Students can check the timeline once they build their online application:

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

Once application is complete on line there are four required items to upload to have a board ready application:

- 1) High School transcripts
- 2) ACT/SAT verification
- 3) Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)
- 4) Professor of Military Science (PMS) Interview

Campus Based Scholarships

College students can apply for a 4-year, 3-year, and 2-year On-Campus scholarships. Students must be enrolled at a 4-year University or College and be a fulltime student (12 credit hours or more). Community College (CC) students can participate in Army ROTC Classes but the ROTC scholarships benefits are only for students enrolled at a 4-year University or College. The CC student must transfer to a 4-year University or College and be enrolled into military science classes to receive the scholarship benefits.

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 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 ACT (excluding the 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 of National Guard)



Additional Incentives

The ROTC scholarship benefit package provides **full-tuition and mandatory fees OR \$5,000 per semester room and board**. Some Universities will offer extra incentives such as automatically including room and board to all inbound Army ROTC Scholarship awardees.

Please click the following link to compare what each college as to offer. You may also contact the local Army ROTC program for any updated incentives. <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/find-schools.html>

Army ROTC Illinois State Tuition Waivers

The State of Illinois offers 40 Illinois State Tuition Waivers for every State University that offers the Army ROTC program. These tuition waivers are offered for the fall and spring semesters. If awarded, 100% tuition and the General Activity Fee will be waived for that semester. A student must apply every semester. The State of Illinois mandates Army ROTC award 10 waivers per Military Science class.

Applications are distributed the first week of each semester and waivers are awarded by mid-semester. If awarded, the recipient must meet the basic requirements to maintain the tuition waiver for that semester.

Requirements

- All students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree who are residents of the state of Illinois, registered with Selective Service, and satisfy the criteria below are eligible to apply for these tuition waivers. Illinois ROTC programs will not award unused waivers to students who do not meet the eligibility requirements.
- Meet all academic requirements of their university and be eligible to meet all commissioning requirements (pre-qualify per AR 145-1) upon graduation and completion of Army ROTC.
- Complete all medical requirements within the second semester of being awarded this scholarship. This must be completed in order for this scholarship to be awarded in subsequent semesters.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. Earn at least a 2.0 each semester and a 3.0 in Army ROTC. In the case of incoming freshmen who have not established a college GPA, the minimum standard is a 2.5 high school GPA and a score of 19 on the ACT.
- Be a resident of the state of Illinois.
- Students will achieve a score of 60 points in each event on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) by the end of the first semester that the scholarship is awarded and maintain a score of 60 points in each event for every subsequent semester that the scholarship is awarded.
- Be in compliance with the Army height/weight/body fat standards or show progress toward attaining the standards. Acceptable progress will be determined by the Professor of Military Science (PMS).
- Enroll in an Army ROTC course as a Cadet.
- Attend at least 95% of all required physical training, including APFT sessions.
- Attend at least 95% of all required classes and labs.
- Participate in the Field Training Exercise (FTX) for that semester unless excused in advance by the PMS.





Simultaneous Membership Program (National Guard & Reserves)

You may be able to take advantage of a program that allows you to participate in ROTC and enlist in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve at the same time, provided a vacancy exists in either a Guard or Reserve unit. It's called the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), and it means that while you're still in college, you can be gaining valuable experience and earning extra income. In the SMP, you will be paid at the rate of at least a Sergeant E-5 for your Guard or Reserve service. In addition, you'll receive the ROTC Stipend (subsistence allowance). You'll serve as an Officer trainee in a Guard or Reserve unit and perform duties commensurate with the grade of second lieutenant. Once you graduate and receive your commission, you may continue your military service with your Reserve or National Guard unit or go on active duty (if a non-scholarship Cadet).

The ROTC Contract that is agreed upon will determine a cadet status. **You are considered Non-Deployable during your time as an SMP Cadet!** The intent of the SMP Program is to increase officer accessions into the Reserve Components (RC) by increasing ROTC enrollment from enlisted RC members who are attending college. In addition, contracted non-scholarship Cadets and GRFD scholarship Cadets can join a RC unit and the SMP. Contact local Army ROTC program for benefit details. Upon completing the ROTC program, the United States Army Officer agrees to an eight-year obligation, which can be served in the Reserve Forces, on Active Duty (if non-scholarship) or a combination of the two (if non-scholarship).



High School Student FAQ

What is Army ROTC? Army ROTC is a college elective you can take for up to two years with no obligation. Unlike traditional college programs, Army ROTC gives you a wide range of experiences while you work toward your degree. You'll combine classroom time with hands-on training, learning and leadership skills that are sure to give you an edge over your peers when it comes time for job interviews and presenting yourself in a professional manner. Whether you're planning a career in the Army or the corporate world, you will gain the necessary leadership skills and personal confidence to succeed in whichever path you take.

By enrolling in ROTC, are you joining the Army? No. Students who enroll in ROTC don't join the Army. They take our ROTC classes for which they receive credit. It's considered a college elective. During the first two years, ROTC cadets have no military obligation unless they are on an Army ROTC Scholarship or contract as a non-scholarship sophomore.

What are the ROTC courses comprised of? The ROTC program is divided into phases: The Basic Course (first two years) studies Army history, organization, structure, land navigation, small unit tactics, and developing self-confidence. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course (last two years) concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership, and command.

How do students benefit from ROTC? In college and after graduation, cadets find that the training and experience that they have received are assets - whether pursuing an Army or civilian career. Civilian employers place high regard on the management and leadership skills that our ROTC instructors stress. Plus, ROTC looks great on a resume. When Cadets complete the ROTC course, upon graduation, they become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.

What good is Army ROTC for a Career outside of the Army? Army ROTC is one of the only college programs that teach leadership. This training is invaluable for any career that involves leading, managing and motivating people or fostering teamwork. Young Army Officers are typically responsible for hundreds of Soldiers and millions of dollars in equipment; this kind of management experience can be very attractive for post-Army employers.

How will being an Army ROTC cadet affect my daily life? Army ROTC Cadets have the same lifestyle 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.

What is the typical career path for an Army Officer? What 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.





What are the time lines for the online application process?

Here they are the dates for this fall/winter's board dates. If you are applying for a four year high school Army ROTC scholarship that will start in the fall semester these are the dates you should pay attention to.

If you are a high school student finishing up your junior year and going into senior year in the fall, these are also your dates.

****Dates**** (Dates are subject to change. Please check on the Cadet Command student log-in section)

The window opens 12 Jun 20XX

1st High School Selection Board Deadline for Documents 3-Oct-20xx

1st High School Selection Board 20-Oct-20xx

2nd High School Selection Board Deadline for Documents 05-Jan-20xx

2nd High School Selection Board 25-Jan-20xx

4-Year High School Application Deadline 10-Jan-20xx

Final (3rd) HS Selection Board Deadline for Docs — Missing Items 29-Feb-20xx

Final (3rd) High School Selection Board 7-Mar-20xx

What makes you competitive for an Army ROTC Scholarship?

We are looking for motivated, well-rounded individuals to become the future leaders of the United States Army. We are actively seeking the “Scholar – Athlete – Leader” (SAL).

Some activities that are evaluated during the scholarship selection process:

Typical Scholarship High School Criteria (4-Year & 3-Year Scholarship Awardees):

Scholar Valedictorian/Salutatorian · Membership in National Honor Society · Honors or Advanced Placement Program graduate · GPA over 3.0 and SAT/ACT over 1100/21 · Top 10 percent of class with GPA over 3.0 *or* - SAT/ACT score above 1100/21

Athlete Varsity Letter from HS team · Member of regional/city/competitive league · *Either* active involvement in organized competitive team sports *or* active involvement in individual athletic competitions (triathlon, mountain biking, running, martial arts, etc)

Leader Elected member of student government, class, activity. Captain of athletic or academic team · Eagle Scout / Gold Star · Served in position of responsibility in school/club or private organization *and* leader in volunteer service organizations/activities

Other activities that are considered:

Employment: Full or Part-Time employment

Volunteer Activities: Church, school or other organizations



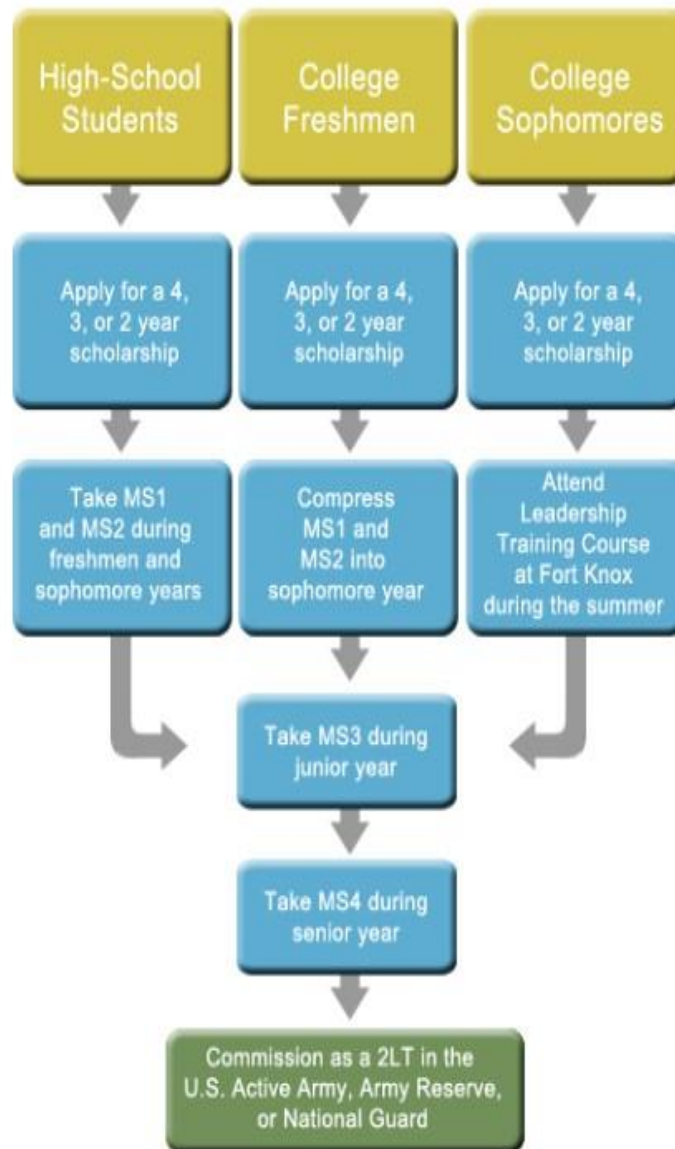
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Commission Path





Basic Course

Basic Course (no obligation)		
<p>Freshman (Less than 30 Credits) NO ROTC Prerequisite Enroll in Fall: AMS 101-Electives, ROTC basics and experiences Spring: AMS 102-Contract, 3.5 Fed Scholar benefits AMS 201 AMS 202 AMS 301 AMS 302 Advance Camp AMS 401 AMS 402 Graduate and Commission</p>	<p>Basic Camp</p>	<p>Sophomore (30 – 60 credits) NO ROTC Prerequisite Enroll in Fall: AMS 201-Electives, ROTC basics and experiences Spring: AMS 202-Contract, 2.5 Fed Scholar benefits MS II Cadets who have no MS I experience can go to Basic Camp to complete Basic Course qualifications AMS 301 AMS 302 Advance Camp AMS 401 AMS 402 Graduate and Commission</p>

Advanced Course

Advanced Course (must be contracted)		
<p>Junior (60-90 Credits) Must have completed ROTC Basic courses MS I and II, Basic Training/Advanced Individual Training (AIT), or Basic Camp. *MUST Contract before the Entering into their Junior Year Must have at least 4 semesters prior to graduation Enroll in Fall: AMS 301- Contract, 2 year Fed Scholarship or GRFD Spring: AMS 302- Advance Camp AMS 401 AMS 402 Graduate and Commission</p>	<p>Advance Camp</p>	<p>Senior (90+ Credits) They can do ROTC, but must be looking to do a graduate program or another undergraduate degree. They cannot receive a federal scholarship. Must have completed ROTC Basics courses MS I and II, Basic Camp, or Basic Training. Must have at least 4 semesters prior to graduation Enroll in Fall: AMS 301- Contract Spring: AMS 302- Must be contracted Advance Camp AMS 401 AMS 402 Graduate and Commission</p>



ROTC Fall and Spring Classes Times

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0600-0700	Physical Training		Physical Training		Physical Training
0700-0800					
0800-0900					
0900-1000		AMS 401/402 SEC 1 (K) 0900- 1015	AMS 101/102 SEC 1 (K) 0900-0950	AMS 401/402 SEC 1 (K) 0900- 1015	
1000-1100	AMS 201/202 SEC 1 (K) 1000-1050		AMS 201/202 SEC 1 (K) 1000-1050		
1100-1200					
1200-1300					
1300-1400	AMS 201/202 SEC 2 (K) 1300-1350	AMS 101/102 SEC 2 (K) 1300-1350	AMS 201/202 SEC 2 (K) 1300-1350		
1400-1500	AMS 404 (MIL HIST) (K) 1400-1530	AMS 301/302 SEC 2 (K) AMS 401/402 SEC 2 (K) 1400-1515	AMS 404 (MIL HIST) (K) 1400-1530	AMS 301/302 SEC 2 (K) AMS 401/402 SEC 2 (K) 1400-1515	
1500-1600				ROTC LAB (ALL) (K) 1530-1830	
1600-1700					
1700-1800					

“The Big 3” (Enrolled Cadets)

- PT (0600-0700 AM) M,W,F
- Class (class schedule)
- LAB (Every Thurs. 1530-1700)





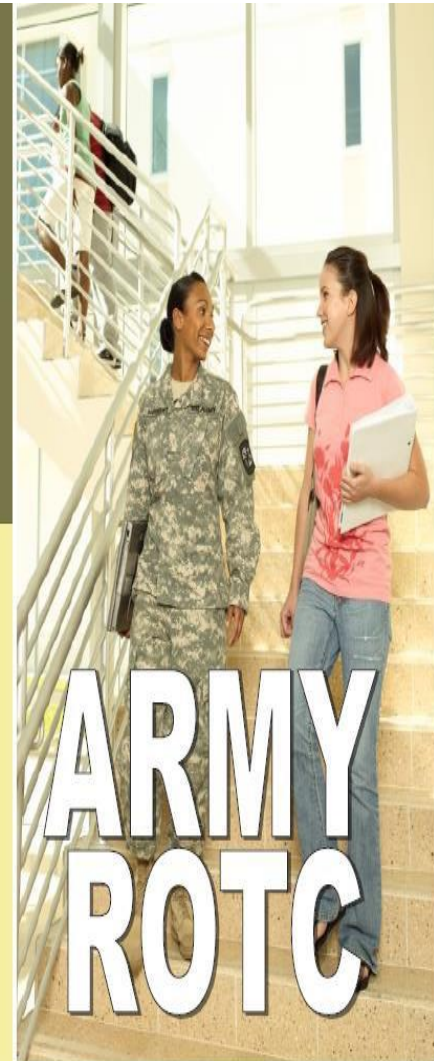
US ARMY ROTC - ILLINOIS



Army Reserve or National Guard Opportunities



State Specific Grant Opportunities



ILLINOIS

SHAPING LEADERS FOR LIFE

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP):

- Serve as a member of the Army National Guard (ARNG) or United States Army Reserve (USAR) while enrolled in college and Army ROTC **AT THE SAME TIME**
- Continue to drill with your ARNG/USAR unit; you are paid as an E-5 when contracted
- You are a **non-deployable** Reserve Component Soldier
- **Upon graduation:** you may compete for Active Duty, or self-select ARNG or USAR

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD):

- Guarantees service in the ARNG or USAR
- Recipients must become a Cadet and participate in SMP
- Cadets with ARNG or USAR scholarship must serve in their respective component while they are Cadets, but may serve in one or the other upon graduation
- Cadets with a Dedicated USAR scholarship must participate in the SMP and commission in the USAR

ILLINOIS:

NATIONAL GUARD GRANT

Illinois National Guard offers 100% tuition and some fees for undergraduate/graduate study at any state-supported 2-4 year college for, up to max of, 4 academic years of full-time study; eligible after 1 year of service in IL ARNG (can't be in default of any student loan or owe a refund on any state or federal grant / must maintain acceptable GPA, as determined by school).

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD GRANT

ADDITION: 100% tuition and fees (waiver) for an additional 2 years after completing 10 years of service in the IL ARNG.

ILLINOIS VETERANS GRANT ADDITION:

same as Guard grant except eligible after one (1) year of service of federal active duty in the Armed Services, or served on federal active duty service in a foreign country during hostilities in that country.

US ARMY Recruiting, Chicago Recruiting Battalion,
3202 Mississippi St. Bldg 3215, Great Lakes, IL 60088
(800) USA ARMY (872-2769)

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD
5200 S Cottage Grove Ave,
Chicago, IL 60615 (773) 752-3420



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<https://armyrotc.siu.edu>



Army ROTC



- Participate in the freshman and sophomore levels of ROTC without any commitment to the Army
- Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the active Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard when you graduate
- Sign a contract to become a Cadet and receive a tax-free monthly stipend for ten (10) months each year:
 - ▶ FRESHMEN: \$300 / month
 - ▶ SOPHOMORES: \$350 / month
 - ▶ JUNIORS: \$450 / month
 - ▶ SENIORS: \$500 / month
- Allowances for books and fees
- Some Requirements:
 - ▶ US Citizen
 - ▶ Good high school grades
 - ▶ Good college test score (ACT/SAT)
 - ▶ Physical standards
 - ▶ Age 17 before scholarship is effective

Scholarships are available now for qualified applicants with cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Scholarships



- Four-year National High School
- Three-year Advanced Designee
- Three-year
- Two-year
- Nursing
- Green-to-Gold

Scholarships pay 100% Tuition & Fees

OR

Room and Board—which can be combined with state tuition assistance

National Scholarship Link:

www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html

ARMY OFFICER EARNING POTENTIAL

Rank	Years of Service	Pay
2nd Lieutenant	Entry (0-2)	\$48,869
Captain	4	\$81,095
Lieutenant Colonel	16	\$120,975

Based upon 2016 Pay Tables. Pay includes Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) (General) and Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS).

ILLINOIS ROTC Programs



Army ROTC scholarships are available at the schools listed below:

- EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
217 581 5944
- ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
309 438 5408
Bradley University
Illinois Wesleyan University
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
773 508 8980
DePaul University *Dominican University*
North Park University *Northwestern University*
Northeastern Illinois University *Resurrection University*
- NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
815 752-ROTC (7682)
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
618 453 5786
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
618 650 2500
McKendree University *Southwestern Illinois College*
Lewis and Clark College *Kaskaskia College*
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—CHICAGO
312 413 2356
Chicago State University *Illinois Institute of Technology*
Indiana University Northwest *Robert Morris University*
Purdue University-Calumet *University of Chicago*
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
217 244 1407
- WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
309 298 1161
Monmouth College
- WHEATON COLLEGE
630 752 5121
Aurora University *College of Saint Francis*
DeVry University *Illinois Benedictine College*
Lewis University *Olivet Nazarene University*
- LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (Jefferson City, MO)
573 681 5346 (*Historical Black College and University-HBCU*)

