

# ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Army conducts a National Scholarship process for high school seniors who want to be considered for both Four-Year & Three-Year Army ROTC High School Scholarships. The National Scholarship portal (<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>) opens in mid-June for rising senior high school students planning on attending a four-year college program. Army ROTC scholarships pay for full tuition and fees OR room and board (\$10K/year - \$5K/semester). The student makes the choice based on their family financial needs. Once contracted in either the fall of the freshman year for four-year recipients or fall of the sophomore year for three-year (advanced designee) recipients, students will also be eligible for \$600/semester for books as well as the monthly ROTC stipend. The stipend pays \$300, \$350, \$450 and \$500 (tax-free) for the freshman through senior years, respectively.

## 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 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 through active, Guard/Reserve or IRR service.
- Serve full time in the Army for a minimum of three or four years depending on the length of scholarship awarded. They will serve out the balance of the eight years in the Guard or Reserve or 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. Active duty is competitive, but Guard/Reserve service can be guaranteed with a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty contract.

## APPLY ONLINE FOR AN ARMY ROTC FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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](#). Students must have an account created by early January and must have their account complete by early March to meet the final board deadline.

Students can major in any academic discipline while completing ROTC. They will take a Military Science (ROTC) leadership course each semester along with their chosen major. Cadets also participate in weekly (3x/week) physical training sessions and have a weekly experiential leadership lab where they learn military and leadership skills required of Soldiers and Officers.

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IS ENROLLING IN ARMY ROTC THE SAME AS JOINING THE ARMY? ONCE A STUDENT STARTS TAKING ROTC COURSES, IS HE/SHE OBLIGATED TO JOIN THE ARMY?

Enrolling in Army ROTC is not, strictly speaking, "joining the Army." You will not be sent to "boot camp." However, the primary purpose of the Army ROTC program is to produce its Officers, so young adults must agree to serve as Officers in the Army after graduation in order to go through the entire program, or if they have received an ROTC scholarship. Enrolling in the [ROTC Basic Course](#) (the first two years of college) does NOT obligate someone to serve unless they have also received a scholarship. For more details, see: [Service Commitment](#).

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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.

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WHAT IS MY ARMY SERVICE OBLIGATION TO PAY BACK ANY SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS, OR FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE ROTC ADVANCED COURSE?

Scholarship winners must serve for four years; non-scholarship Cadets who enroll in the ROTC Advanced Course must serve for three years. All who graduate and complete ROTC training are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. For more details, see: [Service Commitment](#).

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WHAT GOOD IS ARMY ROTC FOR A CAREER OUTSIDE OF THE ARMY?

Army ROTC is one of the only college programs that teaches 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. For more details, see: [About Army ROTC](#).

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WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE ARMY ROTC OVER A DIFFERENT BRANCH'S ROTC?

The Army offers a wider range of career opportunities, in more places around the world, than any other U.S. military branch.

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HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARMY?

Starting by exploring the Army experience from our Home Page is a great start.

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ARE ALL COLLEGE MAJORS COMPATIBLE WITH ARMY ROTC?

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

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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. For more details, see: [Curriculum](#).

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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.

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WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT I WILL BE DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM?

It depends on the Army branch the Cadet chooses and the unit to which he/she is assigned. However, Army missions and challenges are always changing, so there's no way to know in advance which specialties and units will be needed where. All Soldiers in the Army or Army Reserve face the possibility of deployment at some point during their careers. But all Soldiers are fully trained and proficient in the tasks and drills of their units. And Officers are specifically trained to make the right decisions so that missions can be carried out safely and successfully.

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CAN I GO INTO THE ARMY RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD AFTER GRADUATION INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR ARMY?

Yes. Selected Cadets may choose to serve part-time in the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career. For more details, see: [Active Duty & Army Reserve](#) or the [Army National Guard website](#).

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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.

## **ADVANTAGES OF BEING A U.S. ARMY OFFICER OFFICER BENEFITS & PAY**

The Army offers health and dental benefits, vacation time, family services, special pay for special duties, cash allowances to cover the cost of living and money to repay your college loans.

As an officer in the U.S. Army, you will be expected to carry a heavy burden of responsibility for the men and women under your command. As such, you will be entitled to many exclusive benefits, including higher pay and increased opportunities for promotion and training. Becoming an officer will also help you in the civilian work force, as employers place a high value on workers who can manage others in stressful situations.

[Learn about the four paths to becoming an officer](#)

[Use an interactive timeline to find the best path for you](#)

## **EARN A HIGHER PAY**

Officers earn a greatly increased pay grade, even at entry-level ranks. Second lieutenants in the U.S. Army start out earning a salary nearly \$35,000 a year. After just four years of experience at that rank, they could earn a salary of up to \$43,866. Of course, your pay scale will increase as you advance in rank. [Learn more about salaries and pay tables.](#)

## **OFFICER PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES**

At lower [ranks](#), officers typically manage platoon-sized units of 16 to 44 Soldiers. As you earn promotions, you will be trusted with greater influence over more Soldiers, and you will receive staff duty assignments and leadership privileges that come with dozens of tangible and intangible benefits.

## **HOUSING AND FAMILY LIFE**

You and your family will be provided with [modern and comfortable housing](#). Family members searching for jobs will have access to training and other resources, including free legal services through the office of the Judge Advocate. You will be covered through the Army Emergency Relief program, and your family will even have access to a discount travel service.

[Learn more](#)

## **OTHER OFFICER BENEFITS**

Officers enjoy all of the same benefits as enlisted Soldiers, including outstanding [health care](#), and access to college loan repayment programs. You can also fly for free on a space-available basis through the Army, earn [thousands of dollars in signing and skills bonuses](#), and [extra pay for joining specialized schools](#).

If you are planning on moving to a civilian career after your service obligation, you can take advantage of the [Army Partnership for Youth Success \(PaYS\)](#) program, which guarantees outgoing Army Soldiers an interview with the company of their choice.