

# ROTC Overview

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## WHAT IS ROTC?

The **Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)** is a college-based program for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces.

ROTC officers serve in all branches of the U.S. armed forces. It should be noted that the U.S Coast Guard doesn't have its own ROTC program.

## ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Under ROTC, a student may receive a competitive, merit-based scholarship, covering all or part of college tuition, in return for an obligation of active military service after graduation.

## HOW DO I APPLY & WAYS TO ATTEND?

You can apply to a University that has an ROTC program and enroll in college electives that will provide you with skills and leadership training for success in any field.

There are ~1100 accredited universities that offer this program.

If you apply for a scholarship or enter the Army ROTC advanced course, there is an eight-year service commitment.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26 (17 minimum age requirement, if applying in High School).
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50

- All Cadets must complete aerospace studies with no grade lower than a C- and pass all Leadership Laboratories.
- 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)
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard)
- [Meet Physical Standards](#)

## GRADE INFORMATION

### For High School Students

If you're a high school junior or senior and are interested in enrolling in Army ROTC, you can find more than 1,100 colleges and universities that carry an Army ROTC program or talk to your academic advisor.

### For College Students

If you're interested in enrolling in Army ROTC and you are in college, you can start by talking to your Military Science department or Army ROTC Enrollment Officer about taking the Army ROTC basic elective course and incentives available, including opportunities to compete for two, three, or four-year scholarships.

### Junior College and Graduate Students

If you have two years remaining in junior college or graduate school, you are still eligible to enroll in Army ROTC. Talk to the Army ROTC Enrollment Officer on your campus.

## LEADER'S TRAINING COURSE

This course is for those college students who want to complete Army ROTC training in

two years. To qualify, you must complete a challenging and motivating 28-day training program at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Upon completion of the Leader's Training Course (LTC), graduates return to campus prepared to enter the advanced course.

## **SIMULTANEOUS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (SMP)**

The Simultaneous Membership Program allows you to attend Army ROTC and serve in the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard at the same time. It gives you an opportunity for additional training and experience. Cadets serve as officer trainees in the Army Reserve or National Guard while completing college. You can earn Army Reserve/National Guard pay and benefits in addition to your Army ROTC allowance.

## **WHAT IS THE TYPICAL LIFESTYLE OF A STUDENT IN ROTC?**

It is that of a normal college student, but with access to more opportunities. ROTC students can major in nearly all academic areas, join fraternities/sororities, and participate in varsity team sports and community service projects. However there are rules of conduct that you must abide by as you are held to a higher-standard than the typical college student. There are also two intensive ROTC courses that take place over the summer.

## **BENEFITS**

### **Montgomery GI Bill**

The Montgomery GI Bill is designed to help you pay for your college education if you have at least two years of active duty and give \$100 a month during your first year of service. Eligible service members may receive up to 36 months of education benefits. The monthly benefit you receive depends on the type of training you take, length of service, your category, any college fund eligibility, and if you contributed to the \$600 buy-up program. You usually have 10 years to use your GI Bill benefits.

While most people think of the Montgomery GI Bill as a military benefit, it's not

actually managed by the Department of Defense or any branch of the U.S. Military. The Montgomery GI Bill is actually a “veteran benefit” and is managed by the Veterans Administration, which administers the program based upon the laws enacted by Congress.

### Army Reserve Benefit

The Army Reserve offers a selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill of up to \$13,000 depending on how long you enlist. If you qualify for and accept a critical position in the Army Reserve, you can earn an additional MGIB kicker.

### Army Reserve MGIB Kicker

You can add up to \$350 a month to your Montgomery GI Bill for up to 36 months (total of up to \$12,600) with the GI Bill Kicker. “Kicker” amounts may vary according to job and rank.

### Post 9/11 GI Bill

Soldiers who have served 90 or more days on active duty on or after September 11th, 2001, are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The bill provides up to 36 months of benefits for education at an institution of higher learning. Benefits of the program include tuition, fees, a monthly living allowance, books and supplies. Benefits can also be transferred to a spouse or dependent children.

### College Loan Repayment Program

The Loan Repayment Program is a special enlistment incentive offered to highly qualified applicants at the time of enlistment. Under the LRP, the Army will repay part of a Soldier’s qualifying student loans. Only specified Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) qualify for the LRP.

### Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning program

Active or Reserve Army enlisted soldiers are eligible to attend college full-time to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and can earn the following benefits:

- Up to \$9,000 per academic year for tuition and mandatory fees for up to 24 months
- Up to \$1,000 per academic year for books
- Full pay and allowances, including eligibility for promotions

#### Army Nurse Candidate Program

This program is an alternative program for nursing students that do not meet criteria for ROTC. Full time nursing students with a minimum 2.5 GPA entering the final two years of an accredited bachelor of science nursing program may apply. All ANCP participants are required to serve on active duty for 4.5 years. This program offers the following benefits:

- A \$5,000 bonus when you begin the program, plus a \$5,000 bonus at graduation
- A monthly stipend of \$1,000 during the months you are enrolled in school

#### Medical and Dental School Stipend Program

Students enrolled in accredited medical schools are eligible for a monthly stipend of at least \$2,270. And once you graduate, you'll serve a one-year service obligation for every six months that you receive this stipend.