

Air Force ROTC

High School Scholarship Program (HSSP)

Schools & Majors

- AF ROTC is offered at over 1,100 colleges & universities
 - Be sure schools you select accept you in academic majors you indicate on application
 - i.e. to use an electrical engineering scholarship, you must be admitted into an AF-approved electrical engineering program at college or university with an AF ROTC program
 - On website can browse majors offered at various colleges with ROTC program
- Scholarships in all academic majors **necessary to meet AF needs**
 - Varies year to year
- Carefully consider majors you put on application (can list up to three)
 - Applicants encouraged apply & pursue technical & foreign language majors (critical to the Air Force's mission)
 - Most highly desired majors = electrical & computer engineering, meteorology, nuclear physics & engineering
 - Applicants selecting these majors might receive priority in the scholarship selection process.
 - Technical scholarship offers are awarded at a rate of approximately 70%
 - 30% foreign language majors and non-technical majors
 - **Only list majors willing to pursue**
- If selected, AF ROTC will notify of scholarship type & major of offer
 - Accept or decline

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

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Chinese, Mandarin

Persian-Iranian

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Chinese, Wu

Punjabi

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Indonesian

Russian

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All Other Majors

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

An all-inclusive non-technical majors list is not available because it varies depending on the university.

all nontechnical scholarships:

cadets must successfully complete either 4 semesters of a single foreign language or 24 hours of math & physical science (with a minimum grade of C-) before they graduate/commission

Pre-Med, Nursing & Other Medical-related Majors

- Compete for nontechnical scholarship
- If you receive and activate a scholarship in one of these majors, not guaranteed that specialty once commissioned
 - Required to **compete on designation boards** to receive designation in that specialty
 - Designation guarantees you will enter that specialty
 - If **not** selected on one of these boards
 - Retain scholarship
 - Commissioned as line officer, and placed into specialty based on needs of

Scholarship Types

- **Type 1**

- Uncapped (pays full tuition, most fees and \$600 textbooks; any AFROTC school)
- ~ 5% of 4-year scholarships are Type 1 – mostly in technical fields as deemed needed by Air Force (careers with science basis such as engineering, chemistry and meteorology)

- **Type 2**

- \$18,000 cap (Pays \$18k tuition, most fees and \$600 textbooks; any AFROTC school)
- ~15% of 4-year scholarship winners will be offered Type 2 (mostly technical fields.)
- If student attends institution where tuition exceeds \$18,000 per year, then he/she pays the difference

- **Type 7**

- Uncapped at the in-state tuition rate (Pays full tuition, most fees, \$600 textbooks—student must attend AFROTC school where student qualifies for and receives in-state rate at a public school)
- 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 pay first year).

- **Note:** Upon activation, all scholarship cadets receive a monthly living expenses stipend during the AY.

- Current monthly stipend is \$300 for freshmen, \$350 for sophomores, \$450 for juniors & \$500 for seniors

- The Commander's Scholarship (CS) may be offered to **ONE** exceptional student per detachment (Type 1: Tech | Type 2: Non-Tech).

- **Scholarship Length**

- 3 or 4-year scholarships available
 - 4-year activate in the fall of freshman year
 - 3-year activate in fall of sophomore year
 - Only 3-year type of scholarship offered is Type 2
 - 3-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 - Eligibility

- **Intended Undergraduate Majors**

- Technical (70%)
- Foreign Language (15%)
- Non-Technical (15%)

- **High Academic Achievement Requirements**

- 1240 SAT
- 26 ACT
- ≥ 3.00 cum GPA at completion of 11th grade

Min to be eligible (no waivers)

- **Withdrawed if:**

- Failed to disclose all civil involvements & drug/alcohol abuse prior to interview
- Use illegal drugs after briefed on Air Force drug/alcohol policy during interview

- **Physical Requirements**

- Before interview, must complete Physical Fitness Assessment (crunches, push-ups, & 1.5 mile run)
- If offered scholarship, must pass PFT before end of first semester in college

- **Interview**

- Once meet above requirements/submit required forms, considered eligible applicant
- Contacted by nearest Air Force unit to schedule personal interview

- **Caution: Financial Responsibility**

- Encouraged to consider own ability to pay tuition
 - May be delay in scholarship activation (i.e. medical delay) that makes designee initially responsible
 - Depending on delay reason, offer may be withdrawn
 - Once scholarship activated, if fail to maintain academic or military retention standards, scholarship may be suspended or terminated

Avg Scores

Scholarship Types			
Data	Type 1	Type 2	Type 7
SAT*	1356	1362	1304
ACT	31.2	31.1	29.6
GPA	3.83	3.83	3.76

*SAT data represents the test scoring system prior to March 2017.

Important Dates

- **1 Jun** (thru 1 Dec). High School AF ROTC scholarship online application open
 - Calendar year PRIOR to your graduation
- **8 Sept:** Early Scholarship Board
 - Must meet all HSSP eligibility requirements
 - Complete online application questionnaire
 - Submit all required documents
 - Complete interview with local AFROTC detachment
 - Interview report received by HQ AFROTC NLT 0900 CST, 8 Sept
- **1 Dec:** Last day for high school students to apply for scholarship
- **12 Jan:** Final date to submit all required forms
 - Counselor certification/Transcript (9-11th grades)
 - Extracurricular activity sheet
 - Interview: most interested in your specific accomplishments that demonstrate leadership and officer potential rather than merely listing achievements or activities you've participated in. We **want to know how your leadership has affected the organization, teams and projects you worked on.**
 - Physical Fitness Assessment
 - SAT/ACT score
 - GPA

Interview

- Once submitted all forms & met all qualifications
- Local AFROTC detachment will contact you to schedule with AF Officer
- **Most critical aspect of selection process (eyes on assessment)**
 - 60-90 minutes
 - Advised to bring LOR from SASI
 - The interview is **used to assess officership and leadership potential** by discerning alignment of student's values with **Air Force character/core values, self-confidence, human relations predisposition, planning and organizing ability, communication skills, leadership ability, motivation toward the Air Force**, demonstrated ability to get things done and to be successful, assessment of the applicants ability to control situations with their presence and speaking ability, assessment of how well the applicant will fit into the Air Force and military lifestyle, and level of physical fitness.
 - **Achievement in extracurricular activities (vice mere participation) is a key indicator of leadership and officer potential.** Extracurricular activities include athletics, academic, civic organizations, student government, employment, etc.
 - **ONLY take into consideration what the applicant has accomplished between 9th - 11th grades. DO NOT INCLUDE anything done in the applicant's senior year.** The rationale for this is that we may have applicants who are eligible in August and some might not be eligible until January. Leaving out their senior year ensures everyone is on a level playing field.

Interview (cont.)

- After interview uses AF Form 4060 using 5-point scale in 7 areas that are important for success as AF officer
 - Character/Core Values
 - Self Confidence
 - Human Relations
 - Planning and Organizing
 - Communicative Skills
 - Leadership
 - Motivation Toward the Air Force
- Synthesize answers to question and overall sense of applicant to provide 8 bullets to comm with board
 - **Bullet #1: Your overall recommendation for this applicant.** This is based on the sum of the applicant's responses to the questions posed, the manner in which the applicant conducted themselves during the interview, your experience as AFROTC Cadre or Admissions Liaison Officer, and your experience as an Air Force officer. Lastly, you must ask yourself how strongly you recommend the board award this applicant a scholarship.
 - **Bullets #2 & 3: Your assessment of the applicant's demonstrated ability with examples to accomplish a meaningful task or goal.** The applicant's responses to the "Planning and Organizing" and "Character/Core Values" areas (above) should form these bullets. Applicants who are skilled in this area are driven to accomplish assigned tasks or goals to the best of their abilities. They are **often described as responsible, dependable, ethical professionals, who have an exceptional work ethic.** They are good planners, for whom initiative is a strong suit; they have an intrinsic need to achieve. The **focus of these bullets is on doing what it takes to get something done.** Advised to bring LOR from SASI
 - **Bullets # 4 & 5: Your assessment of the applicant's demonstrated ability—with examples—to lead.** The applicant's responses to the "Leadership," "Human Relations," and "Communication Skills" areas (above) should form these bullets. Applicants who are skilled leaders can cite several examples of instances where they have influenced and/or directed others to accomplish a task. They will be able to describe task that needed to be done, how they worked through others to take the action needed to get it done, and the impact of accomplishing the task. The focus of these bullets is on **influencing others to get something done.**
 - **Bullet #6: Your assessment of the applicant's bearing/presence and verbal communication skills.** The applicant's answers to the "Self-Confidence" and "Communicative Skills" areas (above) should form this bullet. Applicants skilled in this area will—by virtue of how they hold themselves, maintain eye contact, interact with, and speak to the interviewer all while demonstrating confidence and advanced social skills. They will be comfortable with the interviewer, be judged assertively and competitively, and seem to be high-energy optimists. You will not have to pull answers out of them. They are not wall-flowers.
 - **Bullet #7: How well you think the applicant will fit into AFROTC and the Air Force. Can you envision the applicant in an Air Force uniform, embracing Air Force values, willing to cede the individual liberty required of a military professional?** The applicant's answers to the "Character/Core Values," "Human Relations," and "Motivation Toward the Air Force" areas (above) should form this bullet.
 - **Bullet #8: Your sense of the fitness-level and professional appearance of the applicant.** If the applicant is overweight, please indicate if they are in-shape (i.e.: muscular athlete) or out of shape (i.e.: judging by appearance, does not meet body fat standard). **If the applicant had a waiver for the Physical Fitness Assessment, please indicate what prevented them from taking the assessment (i.e.: PFA waived due to sprained ankle, but highly fit track star) and also indicate if you think they will meet weight standards in that area too.** If the applicant failed one or more components, you must address it and indicate what the applicant is doing to improve in that area. This is a tremendous help to the board members.

Selection Board

- **Selection Board**

- Meet next board once interview results obtained
- Evaluates your record & interview
 - Overall potential and “whole-person” concept
 - Leadership & work experience
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Results from personal interview (communication skills)
 - Questionnaire results
 - Academic scores
 - SAT/ACT, class rank, GPA, AP or honors courses
 - Physical fitness test score
- Notification: offer; not-selected but rolled to next board; not selected

BOARD SCHEDULE, DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

1 Jun 2017	Cycle begins via AFROTC.com website
11-14 Sep 2017	<i>HSSP Board 1</i> -- board results released approx. 20 Sep 2017*
6-9 Nov 2017	<i>HSSP Board 2</i> -- board results released approx. 15 Nov 2017*
1 Dec 2017	FINAL date to have all applications completed via AFROTC.com
12 Jan 2018	FINAL date to submit/upload all required documents to HQ AFROTC/RRUC
22-25 Jan 2018	<i>HSSP Board 3</i> -- board results released approx. 31 Jan 2018*
1 Mar 2018	All interviews must be completed and forwarded to HQ AFROTC/RRUC
5-8 Mar 2018	<i>HSSP Board 4</i> -- board results released approx. 14 Mar 2018*
19-22 Mar 2018	<i>HSSP Board 5</i> -- board results released approx. 28 Mar 2018*
31 May 2018	Cycle closes. Applicants must accept their scholarship by this date.

Staying Eligible

- After selected:
 - Must maintain a Term GPA & 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 need to be [medically certified](#) before your scholarship benefits can begin.
 - 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

Service Obligation

- No obligation by applying
- Obligated when accept and sign agreement
- Agree to:
 - Enroll in academic major for which scholarship was offered
 - Enroll in AF ROTC beginning with fall term
 - Complete 24-day summer field training course (usually between soph and jr years)
 - Complete GMC (General Military Course) your Fresh/Soph years
 - Complete POC (Professional Officer Course) your Jr/Sr years
 - Accept a commission as AF Officer & serve at least 4 years on active duty

Commission and Commitment

- Receive commission as 2d Lieutenant in active duty Air Force upon graduation with appropriate degree
- Majority of Air Force careers require a 4-year commitment upon entering active duty
 - Pilot: 10-year commitment after completion of pilot training
 - Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA): 6-year commitment after completion of RPA training
 - Combat Systems Operator (CSO): 6-year commitment after completion of CSO training
 - Air Battle Manager (ABM): 6-year commitment after completion of ABM training

HSSP Offers Summary

FY16 & FY17

- Starting College Fall 16

- 8,237 Applicants
- 75% Selection Rte
 - 75% Tech
 - 1% FLang
 - 24% Ntech
- Scholarship Types
 - 11% Type 1
 - 16% Type 2
 - 70% Type 7
- Average Selectee
 - 1308 SAT
 - 30 ACT
 - 3.76 GPA

- Starting College Fall 17

- 8,237 Applicants
- 75% Selection Rte
 - 80% Tech
 - 2% FLang
 - 18% Ntech
- Scholarship Types
 - 12% Type 1
 - 18% Type 2
 - 70% Type 7
- Average Selectee
 - 1301 SAT
 - 30 ACT
 - 3.79 GPA

Army ROTC

High School Scholarship

General

- **High Academic Achievement Requirements**

- 1000 SAT
- 19 ACT
- ≥ 2.5 GPA

- **Meet Physical Requirements**

- ROTC Physical Fitness Assessment (sit ups, push-ups, & 1 mile run)

- **Commitment**

- Serve full time in Army for four years
 - Note: non-scholarship cadets who enroll in ROTC Advanced Course must serve for 3 years

- **Majors**

- Army ROTC Cadets are allowed to major in nearly all academic areas (wider range of career opportunities).

Navy ROTC

High School Scholarship

SAT/ACT TESTS

Qualifying scores on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

Applicants must have BOTH the minimum individual scores in the SAT/ACT Math and Verbal and a minimum Combined (Math plus Verbal) score in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

SAT/ACT Math and English / Critical Reading or Evidenced Based Reading and Writing scores can be from two different tests; applicants can combine best Math with best English / Critical Reading or Evidenced Based Reading and Writing scores to achieve qualifying scores. (Nurse and Navy Option only)

SAT:

540 Math; 550 Verbal/Critical Reading or Evidence Based Reading and Writing AND 1200 Combined (Math plus Critical Reading or Evidence Based Reading and Writing)

ACT:

21 Math; 22 English AND 47 Combined (Math plus English)

Applicants with the minimum individual Math and Verbal scores but not the combined score, and who respond positively to the MSISR interest question in the application, are eligible to apply and will be considered on the MSISR selection board (Navy Option only). See the link below for more information on the MSISR scholarship.

NURSE

Apply for and gain admission to Navy ROTC colleges offering the nursing academic program (not required during selection process, but notification of admission must be received before scholarship can be activated)

Qualifying scores on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

Applicants must have BOTH the minimum individual scores in the SAT/ACT Math and Verbal and a minimum Combined (Math plus Verbal) score in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

SAT/ACT Math and English / Critical Reading or Evidenced Based Reading and Writing scores can be from two different tests; applicants can combine best Math with best English / Critical Reading or Evidenced Based Reading and Writing scores to achieve qualifying scores. (Nurse and Navy Option only)

SAT:

540 Math; 550 Verbal/Critical Reading or Evidence Based Reading and Writing AND 1200 Combined (Math plus Critical Reading or Evidence Based Reading and Writing)

ACT:

21 Math; 22 English AND 47 Combined (Math plus English)

If these academic criteria cannot be met, other opportunities exist for an Navy ROTC scholarship --

MARINE CORPS

General eligibility requirements for the program are as follows:

- Be physically qualified by Marine Corps standards. Applicants will be required to complete a physical fitness test (PFT) consisting of a three-mile run for time, sit-ups, and dead-hang pull-ups for males/flexed armed-hang for females. [Marine Corps Physical Fitness Program](#) **PDF**
- Have no criminal record of military or civilian offenses..
- Achieve a qualifying score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT), or the American College Test (ACT). The SAT math and critical reading scores must be from the same and most recent test. Applicants cannot combine their best math and critical reading scores from the SAT to achieve the qualifying score for application. (Marine Corps Option only).

**SAT: 1000 Combination of Math and Critical Reading Only
ACT minimum composite score of 22
Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT): 74**

If these academic criteria cannot be met, other opportunities exist for an Navy ROTC scholarship -- [please contact your local Marine Recruiter](#) or [Navy ROTC Unit](#).