

ROTC Scholarships and Military Academy Information

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What is ROTC?

ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps.

- Founded in 1916.
- It is a college program offered at over 1,700 colleges and universities in the US.
- In exchange for a paid college education and a guaranteed post-college career, cadets commit to serve in the military after graduation.
- ROTC is available for the Army, Navy, Marine and Airforce.
- There is no ROTC for the Coast Guard.

Source: <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/training/rotc>

What does an ROTC scholarship provide?

- Money for Tuition and other educational expenses
- There may also be a monthly stipend amount
- Your college may add additional incentives to support you
- Guaranteed job after you graduate

Requirements

- You must attend a college or university with an approved ROTC program.
 - The branches of service have information on their websites to help you locate schools.
 - [Example](#) from Navy ROTC
 - [Example](#) from Air Force ROTC
- You must complete the full application process and meet eligibility requirements.
 - This will likely include meeting a minimum GPA, Test Scores and a Physical Health Screening.
 - You apply to the ROTC program through the website for the branch of service you wish to join.
 - This is separate and in addition to applying to the particular college that you want to go to.
 - [Example](#) from the Army ROTC
- There will additional requirements once you are in college.
 - These could be classes, exercise/training requirements, and additional events or workshops.

Additional Information

- Some of the branches of service have 3 year (or 2 year or 1 year) scholarships available as well.
 - That means that in some cases you could choose to apply to ROTC after you have started college as long as there is a ROTC program offered at your college.
 - You want to do your research carefully now to know whether this is an option for you.
- Like any college decision make sure to talk with your family and consider the pros and cons of ROTC.

The Military Academies

What are the Military Academies?

- When we use this phrase, we are referring to the 5 Service Academies that blend college and officer training.

- These Academies are:
 - Army: [US Military Academy \(West Point\)](#)
 - Navy and Marines: [US Naval Academy \(Annapolis\)](#)
 - Airforce: [The Air Force Academy](#) (Colorado)
 - [Coast Guard Academy](#) (Conneticut)
 - [Merchant Marine Academy](#) (New York)

Other Military Colleges...

- There are other 2-year and 4-year college options that are designated as Military Colleges. These do not have the same scholarship benefits as the 5 Service Academies listed on the previous slide and you may not be required to enter military service following graduation.
 - Example: The Citadel

Differences between ROTC and Military Academies

- In the military academies the atmosphere and culture will be specifically centered on the branch of service aligned with the academy.
- There is a full ride scholarship and may include dental/medical health care.
- The living stipend may be higher (example: \$10,000 a year at West Point)
- The standards, requirements and application process are more rigorous and competitive for the academies.

Typical application requirements and considerations

- Pre-application process
 - Could be a program or questionnaire
- Nomination from a US Senator or Representative
 - The Vice President can also nominate applicants to any academy except the Merchant Marine Academy
 - This is not required for the Coast Guard Academy
- High School Academic performance
- Standardized Test Scores
- Athletics and extracurricular involvement
- Leadership experience and community involvement
- Physical and/or medical examination
- Possible letters of recommendation

To find out more...

- Talk with your family
- Do research online
- Consider visiting the campuses
- Consider talking with a recruiter or admissions officer