GENERAL INFORMATION

Army ROTC provides college trained officers for the Army National Guard (ARNG) and the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR). The program offers courses in military science to students at more than 1,500 colleges and universities throughout the nation. The Reserve Forces Duty (RFD) scholarship program provides scholarship opportunities to college students who will be college juniors in the fall of the year of award.

Opportunities also exist for high school students who will attend a Military Junior College (MJC) and for students on campus who will be college juniors in the fall for a scholarship with guaranteed service in the Army National Guard (ARNG). This program is called the Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship and is in addition to the RFD program.

Additionally, individuals may apply for a scholarship to pursue a graduate degree. A graduate degree scholarship is a two-year scholarship. You are eligible for this scholarship if you have only two years remaining for completion of your graduate degree. You must already possess a baccalaureate degree or have a letter of acceptance to a graduate program and meet all other scholarship eligibility requirements.

RFD and Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship cadets, in addition to their normal college degree requirements, take military science courses, professional military education subjects, participate in scheduled leadership laboratories, attend the 6-week ROTC Advanced Camp, normally between their junior and senior years (freshman and sophomore years for those attending a MJC) and are members of a ARNG or USAR unit. Membership in the ROTC program and the ARNG or USAR (permitted through the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)) is required for Reserve Forces and Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship cadets.

Upon successful completion of military science and degree requirements, scholarship cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in one of the branches of the Army, i.e., Infantry, Engineer, Armor, Finance Corps, etc. and serve their obligated service in the ARNG or USAR. Subject to the needs of the Army, at the time of commissioning, individual branch preferences are honored.

If you receive the RFD or Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship, your active duty requirement after commissioning is the completion of an Officer Basic Course (OBC) which is 3 to 6 months in duration depending on the Branch in which you are
commissioned. After completion of OBC, you will be released from Active Duty (AD) to continue your civilian occupation/graduate program on a full-time basis while continuing your Reserve Component service in an Army National Guard or Army Reserve Unit. After completion of your service obligation of 8 years, you may continue your Reserve Component career toward eventual retirement.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

The U.S. Army ROTC RFD and Dedicated Army National Guard scholarships provide financial assistance toward college tuition and educational fees of up to $16,000 annually. If the school’s annual tuition and educational fees are less than $16,000, the difference can not be applied toward room and board. Additionally, a flat rate of $450 per year is provided to purchase textbooks, classroom supplies and equipment. It does not pay for aviation flight fees. Army ROTC scholarship winners also receive a tax-free subsistence allowance of $150 a month up to 10 months a school year. Besides scholarship benefits, individuals will receive drill pay of an E-5 (or higher rank if previously attained) as an SMP participant, earn pay for attending the ROTC Advanced Camp, and may be able to attend the two weeks annual training period with their assigned unit.

Scholarship recipients must be continually enrolled for 45 days after the academic start date at the university before the Army pays tuition and fees. This 45 day requirement will apply only to the fall term of each academic year. Recipients who have made payment in advance for tuition or fees must retain the receipts for these expenditures and provide them to the Professor of Military Science for reimbursement of an authorized amount. Recipients who fail to comply with provisions of their scholarship contract for any reason before the 45th day is reached, are liable to the institution for tuition and fees.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following eligibility requirements apply:

a. Character. Be of good moral character, as evidenced by participation as a member of his/her home community and the institution where enrolled.


c. Age.

(1) Be at least 17 years of age by 1 October of the year of enrollment as a scholarship cadet.
(2) Be under 27 years of age on 30 June of the calendar year in which eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant. An extension for a maximum of 3 years may be granted for prior active duty service. The length of extension cannot exceed the actual period of service, e.g., with 2 years active service must be under 29 at the time of appointment.

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d. Motivation. Exhibit a strong desire to obtain a commission, a baccalaureate degree and pursue a military career in the Reserve Components (RC).

e. Officer potential. Leadership potential will be emphasized as a very important factor in consideration for selection and continuance of the scholarship. Applicant must possess officer-like qualifications as evidenced by physical fitness, appearance, personality, and activities in and outside of college.

f. Medical. Be medically qualified for enrollment in the ROTC scholarship program. Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB) will determine the medical status IAW the standards of Chapter 2, Army Regulation 40-501. If an applicant is determined medically disqualified, applicant may submit a request for a medical waiver through the Professor of Military Science (PMS) at the institution he/she attends. Submission of a request for waiver does not ensure a waiver will be granted. **No award is final until medically qualified.**

g. Curriculum.

(1) Students who are MJC bound, who win either an RFD or a Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship, must enroll in MS III and attend an MJC in the fall of the year of award. These students will not be permitted to use this scholarship at a 4-year institution. MJC winners must agree to transfer to a baccalaureate degree granting institution for enrollment in an academic course to complete degree requirements.

(2) College Students. Be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment as a full-time academic **junior** in a major course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree (except theology) beginning with the fall of the year of enrollment as a scholarship cadet. Students who will not attain junior status
until the second semester or second or third quarter following
the fall of the year of the award may compete for a 2-year
scholarship provided they are otherwise qualified. The
scholarship will be effective with attainment of junior status
(with baccalaureate degree requirements to be completed in 2
academic years) and concurrent enrollment in MS III. Individuals
will be required to sign the scholarship contract in the fall and
be placed on leave of absence by the PMS/Battalion Commander
until they are academically aligned. Department of the Army has
a requirement for highly technical and other specific academic
disciplines. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be
required to pursue an undergraduate degree in the academic disci-
pline in which your scholarship was awarded.

h. Academic status and potential.

(1) College Students.

(a) Have a minimum cumulative academic grade point
average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale. An
enrolled applicant must have at least a 2.7 ROTC cumulative GPA.

(b) Have satisfactorily completed 2 years of college
academic course work toward your degree and will be entering as
an academic junior in the fall or second semester of the year of
enrollment as a scholarship cadet.

(c) Have 2 academic years remaining (unless enrolled
in a bonafide 5 year degree program) at the institution you elect
to attend and be accepted by that institution.

(2) MJC students applying for an RFD or a Dedicated Army
National Guard Scholarship.

(a) Be a high school graduate or possess an
equivalent certificate prior to the fall of the year of award.

(b) Must have a minimum qualifying SAT score of 920
or ACT score of 19.

(c) Must have a high school academic cumulative GPA
of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.

i. The Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) or Physical
Aptitude Exam (PAE) is no longer required as part of the
application, but scholarship winners will be required to pass the
APFT before fully qualifying for the scholarship.

j. Must not have any civil conviction or conviction under
military law for other than minor traffic violations with fine
of $250 or less. A waiver may be submitted for any violation
other than a domestic violence crime. You must sign a
confirmation that you have not been convicted of any domestic violence crime.

OBLIGATION

If selected for a US Army ROTC Reserve Forces Duty or a Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship and you accept, you are required to:

a. Enter into an appropriate contract with the Secretary of the Army. If you will be under 18 years of age by the fall enrollment, your parents or guardian must sign the contract - if you are 18 or older, only your signature is required. This contract requires repayment to the U.S. Government for all financial aid received if an individual fails to comply with the terms of the contract. This repayment may be monetary or in the form of enlisted service. The choice rests with the Army and not the scholarship cadet.

b. Enlist in the ARNG/USAR for a period of 8 years or have a minimum of 4 years remaining on the enlistment obligation at the time of enrollment in the ROTC Advanced Course. Individuals with less than 4 years remaining may extend their enlistment in order to qualify for application.

c. Join the Simultaneous Membership Program by completing applicable SMP agreement (ARNG/USAR).

d. Be qualified in all respects for initial entry into the ROTC Advanced Course. At the time the award becomes effective, you must have completed or received placement credit for the Basic Course. If you do not or will not possess the previously mentioned placement credit by the fall of the year of enrollment as a scholarship cadet, you must validate your scholarship by attendance at the ROTC Basic Camp during the summer prior to fall enrollment or by successful completion of basic training. The Basic Camp must be successfully completed with a minimum qualifying score established by HQ Cadet Command in order to validate your scholarship. Failure to qualify will make you ineligible for the scholarship. There are no waivers to this requirement.

e. Attend an institution offering Army ROTC or an institution with an established partnership to a school offering Army ROTC. The MJC students applying for an RFD or a Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship must attend one of MJC's listed below:

Marion Military Institute
Marion, AL 36756

Georgia Military College
Milledgeville, GA 31061
f. Accept a commission in the ARNG or USAR as appropriate upon completion of the required academic and military courses.

g. As a RFD scholarship recipient, you will be required to serve your commitment as a member of an ARNG unit or USAR Troop Program unit for a period of 8 years. However, you may request active duty during the accessioning process.

h. As a Dedicated Army National Guard scholarship recipient, you will serve your commitment as a member of the ARNG for a period of 8 years. You may NOT request active duty during the accessioning process. Recipients will not be allowed to transfer to a USAR Unit nor be placed on active duty with the exception of initial OBC period.

i. Execute a loyalty oath (DD Form 4/5 ARNG) (DD Form 4/3 USAR) to permit participation in the scholarship program.

j. Complete a National Agency Check (NAC) as prescribed in AR 380-67 immediately upon your enrollment as a cadet. Request for initial or revalidated (if required) NAC will be initiated by the PMS.

k. Contractual agreements and requirements. Execute DA Form 597-3, Army Senior Officer's Training Corps Scholarship Cadet Contract, Scholarship Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) contract (ROTC Cadet Command Form 203-R), and the SMP agreement.

**REQUIRED FORMS**

To apply, you must return one original signed copy of each of the below listed forms to the Department of Military Science on the campus you wish to attend that has Army ROTC between 15 November and 1 March of the year preceding your junior year of college. Make sure all entries are clear and legible (printed or typed as appropriate according to instructions on the forms).

a. Cadet Command Form 166-R (U.S. Army ROTC 3, and 2-Year Scholarship Application). Legibility is important. All signatures must be in ink. Instructions for completing this form are enclosed.

b. Authenticated copy of your current official transcript (all applicants must provide this document).
c. Application forms are also available on the US Army ROTC Web Site (www-rotc.monroe.army.mil).

1. From the Home Page choose scholarships.

2. Click on the GRFD application option.

3. There are choices to print a complete application package including the instructions you are reading or to print individual forms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

When you have completed the above forms by the due date established, return your packet to the scholarship advisor in the Army ROTC Military Science Department. The PMS will schedule and/or complete the following actions as needed.

a. A Selection Board and complete the selection scoreboard sheet.

b. Scheduling for a medical examination and completion of the required medical forms.

c. Preparation of a request for any required waivers (if applicable) (see application form).

d. Cadet Command Form 104-R (Planned Academic Program Worksheet). PMS will give this form to you for completion. Form must be verified by the registrar or the university's departmental head and returned to the PMS. This form is mandatory.

e. Not later than 1 April the PMS will forward completed application to US Army Cadet Command. By 10 April, Cadet Command will forward the applications to the TAG or RSC for the selection process. TAGs and RSCs will provide Order of Merit lists to Cadet Command by 18 May and Cadet Command will inform battalions, TAGs and RSCs of winners.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

You will be notified of your status in writing by your Professor of Military Science as soon as competition results are released.
Instructions for Completing CC Form 166-R

Name - Name of Applicant (Last, First, MI)

SSN - Social Security Number of applicant

Sex - M = Male F = Female

Race/Ethnic Group
   A = Asian or Pacific Islander
   C = White, not Hispanic
   H = Hispanic
   N = Black, not Hispanic
   T = American Indian or Alaskan Native
   X = Other/Unknown

Resident Status - N = Non Resident R = Resident

Type of Scholarship - Circle the length of scholarship desired

Program Type - Circle the correct program for which the application is submitted. Reminder: GRFD Scholarships are component specific. (Circle only one).

Academic Major Code - Enter the appropriate code for major. Codes are found in reference b, Appendix B

**Block 1 - Age**

Line 1a - Enter the year of expected graduation for example: Graduation date is May 2000-enter 00; Graduation date is Apr 2001-enter 01.

Line 1b - Enter applicant’s birth date for example 26 April 1982 would be entered 820426.

Line 1c - Subtract Line 1b from 1a. Remember these borrowing rules. If the day of birth exceeds 30 you borrow 30 days from the month column. If you need to borrow from the year column you will move 12 months to the month column.

Line 1d - Active military service from the DD 214. Subtract 1d from 1c and enter in 1e. If no active military service is used transfer line 1c to line 1e.

If line 1e is less than 27 then the individual’s age is okay and you may circle YES in Line 1, otherwise individual is ineligible.

**AGE CALCULATION EXAMPLES:**

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Block 2 - Citizenship self-explanatory

Block 3 - Dependents
Line 3a - Enter number of dependents including spouse and
children but excluding the applicant.
Line 3b - Is the applicant married (yes or no)
Line 3c - If applicant is married is the spouse a member of the
Armed Forces (except IRR).

Block 4 - Cumulative Grade Point Average self-explanatory  Grade
Point Averages may not be rounded up, i.e., 2.49 is a 2.4 GPA.

Block 5 - College Board Scores (SAT/ACT) 3-Year and MJC
Scholarship Only
Line 5a - Enter SAT score Math and Verbal combined. If more than
one SAT taken enter the total of the Highest Math and Verbal.
For example:  Test 1 520 Math 460 Verbal Total 980 Test 2 510
Math 500 Verbal Total 1010. Using split scores the total would be
520 Math (from test 1) and 500 Verbal (from test 2) total equals
1020.
Line 5b - Enter ACT Score Split scores are not allowed for ACT.

Block 6 - ROTC Grade Point Average self-explanatory  Grade Point
Averages may not be rounded up, i.e., 2.69 is a 2.6 GPA. If non-
enrolled applicant annotate with entry "Non-enrolled" below the
YES/NO block.

Block 7 - Curriculum Self Explanatory

Block 8 Civil Conviction
Line 8a - Has applicant been arrested that resulted in charges
being referred. If yes determine disposition of the case.
Line 8b. - Self-explanatory
Line 8c - Self-explanatory
Line 8d - Self-explanatory Waiver required
Line 8e - self-explanatory Waiver required
Line 8f - self-explanatory Waiver required

Block 9 Prior Military Service
Line 9a - Self-explanatory
Line 9b and Line 9c - Check DD Form 214 for the required data.
Line 9d - Ensure applicant has less than 10 of Active Federal
Service

Current members of the reserve have a DD 214 with a blank
reenlistment code, list them as N/A.

Block 10 - Military Junior College Only - High School GPA self-
explanatory  Grade Point Averages may not be rounded up, i.e.,
2.69 is a 2.6 GPA.
Additional information on eligibility criteria can be found in CC
Regulation 145-1, CC Pam 145-4 and Annex G of this MOI.
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