

GUIDE TO THE ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

ROTC scholarships provide full financial assistance for college tuition and mandatory education fees (or room and board). Additionally, scholarship winners receive tax free subsistence allowance for up to 10 months a year at a rate of \$420.00 per month and \$1200 annually for textbooks, classroom supplies, and equipment.

Students apply for a Four-Year ARMY ROTC Scholarship online between 12 June and 4 February, at <https://hs.usarmyrotc.com/>

In order to be eligible to apply for the 4-Year scholarship, students must meet the following minimum criteria: (Note: these are minimums not the scores of the average winner)

<i>Minimum</i>	
GPA	2.5 High School GPA
Age	17-26
SAT	Test Score Required (no minimum)
ACT	Test Score Required (no minimum)
Civil Conviction	Explain any infractions and be granted a waiver

Students must also complete the following in order to compete for a scholarship:

1. All applicants must self-report their high school unweighted Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) using 9th through 11th grades only, College Board scores (SAT/ACT), age, and U.S. Citizenship.
2. As part of the application process, each applicant identifies up to seven schools he or she is interested in attending.
3. When completing the application, students must provide the email address of their Guidance Counselor and a high school PE teacher or coach.
4. The applicant must upload a copy of his or her high school transcript and a copy of his or her SAT or ACT scores into their application. Once the documents are validated, the applicant will be able to schedule an interview with a Professor of Military Science at any university or college which has an Army ROTC Program.
5. Once the transcript and SAT or ACT scores are validated by Cadet Command, Cadet Command will send an email to the applicant's guidance counselor asking for information such as class rank and type of classes the applicant has taken. Cadet Command will also send an email to the PE teacher or high school coach requesting they give the applicant the Physical Fitness Assessment and report the results to Cadet Command.
6. When the applicant attends the interview, the interviewer will take an assessment of the applicant's height and weight, in street clothes without shoes.
7. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's potential as an Army officer.

8. Once the applicant completes all the requirements of the scholarship application, a board of Army officers, who are current Professors of Military Science, will evaluate their file. These officers will assemble in October, January, and March, during a typical school year, to review scholarship prospects' files. Three Professors of Military Science review each file.
9. Each student can achieve a possible 1,400 Whole Person Score total points during the scholarship evaluation process. The Whole Person Score is a total merit based score comprised of the following:
 - a) 249 points for ACT/SAT score.
 - b) 201 points for Scholar/Athlete/Leader evaluation based upon athletic, scholastic, and leadership achievements.
 - c) 200 points from the Interview;
 - d) 150 points from the Physical Fitness Assessment;
 - e) 250 points from the Cadet Background and Experience Form (CBEF), which the applicant fills out as part of the online application process;
 - f) 350 points come from the board members when the applicants' files are complete.
10. Cadet Command will create an order of merit list (OML) from the boarded applicants scores, in descending order, using the Whole Person Score. Based upon available scholarship funds, Cadet Command will determine how many scholarships to offer from that scholarship board.
11. Applicants who are selected for a scholarship will receive an official letter from Cadet Command informing them they have won a scholarship. The letter will state where the student may use the scholarship.
12. Cadet Command makes offers based on the schools listed in the student's application and the expected number of Second Lieutenants an ROTC Program commissions each year, referred to as the ROTC Program's commission mission. Scholarships are not the only consideration in the number of commissions, ROTC personnel, equipment, and facilities present at a program are also factors in the number of commissions an ROTC program can produce.
13. Once an applicant receives a letter from Cadet Command, they must respond within 30 days indicating their decision to accept the offer and what school they plan to attend.
14. If an applicant does not receive a scholarship offer from a particular board, the applicant will remain on the OML and will be considered again for a scholarship offer, when the next scholarship board meets. Applicants will only be reviewed at one board. Once all boards are complete, applicants not selected for a scholarship will receive a letter by mid-April, informing them of their status and that they should seek out ROTC scholarships opportunities at the college they will be attending.

15. Because of funding limitations, Cadet Command cannot put the entire commission mission on 4-year scholarships. Therefore, some scholarships may only be 2 or 3 years in length, but all scholarships pay the same benefits in terms of full tuition, books, and stipends. Cadet Command also separates the scholarships into different categories to meet the needs of the Total Army. In accordance with the Department of the Army Annual Mission Letter, Cadet Command designates scholarships for lieutenants to serve in any component, or specifically in the Army National Guard, or US Army Reserve, or for obtaining a degree in a specific academic major like Nursing.
16. Before any student/ROTC Cadet can receive scholarship benefits, he or she must meet all medical and administrative requirements and sign a contract.