

Green to Gold Scholarships

- Scholarships are awarded for two, three, or four years.
- Soldiers with two years of college completed are considered for two-year scholarships.
- Soldier with one year of college completed are considered for three-year scholarships.
- Soldiers without college credit are considered for four-year scholarships.



Benefits for Green to Gold Scholarship Winners

Green to Gold Scholarship Winners receive:

- Tuition support.
- Additional money for textbooks, supplies, and equipment.
- A monthly stipend of \$250 for freshmen, \$250 for sophomores, \$300 for juniors, and \$350 for seniors; for up to 10 months each school year.
- Pay for attending the five-week ROTC Advanced Camp between the junior and senior year of college.
- And if qualified, your Montgomery G.I. Bill / Army College Fund (MGIB/ACF) benefits.
- Additionally, many colleges and universities offer incentives such as reduced room and board to scholarship winners. The Professor of Military Science (PMS) at your college of choice can provide further information on what is available at the school.

In addition to the financial incentives, soldiers receive additional benefits as ROTC cadets. These benefits include:

- Leadership training
- Responsibility and Practical Experience
- Mentorship of the PMS/APMS
- Camaraderie

Benefits for Green to Gold non-scholarship cadets.

A monthly stipend of up to \$350 for up to 10 months each school year (depending on whether the student is a college junior or senior).

- Pay for attending the ROTC Advanced Camp between the junior and senior year of college.
- And if qualified, your Montgomery G.I. Bill / Army College Fund (MGIB/ACF) benefits.
- School / State / Reserve Forces Duty Benefits.

Non-scholarship Green to Gold members can participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program which is commonly referred to as SMP. As SMPs, soldiers are members of either a drilling Reserve or Guard unit and ROTC. SMPs are entitled to Reserve Component pay of an E-5 under this program.

Many states offer tuition assistance to Reserve and National Guard soldiers.

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Early Discharge

If you are selected for the Green to Gold program, you may obtain early release from active duty. Army Regulation 635-200, Chapter 16-2, provides for the honorable, early discharge of soldiers so they can enroll in an Army Senior ROTC program. The Early Discharge may be up to 30 days prior to the start of school. Terminal leave is not authorized.

- You must meet the requirements of the Green to Gold program.
 - The separation authority must ensure that you meet the criteria, have served honorably and possess officer attributes.
- You must agree to the stipulations that breaching the terms of the USAR enlistment contract or ROTC student contract will subject you to involuntary order to active duty to complete the prior service remaining and/or the scholarship contractual obligation. If you are a scholarship cadet, you may be required to repay the scholarship benefits received in lieu of active duty.

Where do I enroll, and when?

You enroll in Army ROTC the same time you enroll in college. Army ROTC courses may be enrolled in at more than 800 colleges and universities. Army ROTC programs are actually conducted in about 270 schools. The remaining schools are those with cross-enrollment agreements. At a cross-enrolled school, you take your academic course work at the college at which you

earn your degree. You do your ROTC coursework and training at a „host“ institution nearby.

Can I enroll in ROTC while on active duty?

No. You must be enrolled in college full time to be a member of Army ROTC. There is no way to carry a full load of college work while on Active Duty.[\[TOP\]](#)

Can I apply for a 4-Year Green to Gold scholarship if I already have some college credit?

Yes, as long as the college accepts you as an academic freshman and you agree to remain enrolled for four years.[\[TOP\]](#)

If I have reenlisted, how much time must I complete on my second enlistment?

There is no minimum requirement. If you are selected for the Green to Gold program, you may be released from active duty regardless of the amount of time remaining on your second enlistment.[\[TOP\]](#)

Can I apply for a 2 or 3 Year scholarship if I don't have the proper number of credit hours, but expect to have them prior to Fall enrollment?

Yes. You must have a letter from the school that you wish to attend stating that you are conditionally accepted as an academic junior or sophomore contingent upon completing the required number of credit hours. If you win a scholarship, you are a conditional winner pending acceptance at the school. You must provide proof of the required number of credit hours to the university and to the discharge authority showing you are fully qualified.[\[TOP\]](#)

Can a soldier who won an ROTC scholarship and then disenrolled from the program apply for another Green to Gold scholarship?

No. Cadet Command Regulation 145-1 paragraph 9a clearly states that scholarship winners who disenroll for any reason are ineligible to recompete in any ROTC scholarship program.[\[TOP\]](#)

Can I take terminal leave with my early discharge?

No. Terminal leave can not be taken in conjunction with early discharge in accordance with AR 600-200.[\[TOP\]](#)

Where can I ship my household goods?

Your entitlement for shipment of household goods is back to your home of record. If the cost to ship your goods to your school of choice is more than the cost of shipping it to your home of record, then you will be responsible for the difference.[\[TOP\]](#)

I am a veteran and know I'm not required to take the freshman and sophomore level ROTC classes. Will I have to take these courses if I receive a 3- or 4-year Scholarship?

Yes, as a scholarship winner you are a contracted cadet and must enroll in, and successfully complete, the freshman and sophomore level classes in accordance with your contract. As a 2-Year Scholarship winner or non-scholarship cadet your prior experience would meet the course requirements for the first two years.[\[TOP\]](#)

I am in the Marines, Navy or Air Force. Can I apply for a Green to Gold Scholarship?

Members of sister services are not eligible for Green to Gold scholarships but may participate in the non-scholarship program.[\[TOP\]](#)

If you are interested in this program or any other ROTC program, contact the Recruiting Operations Officer at 731-881-7682/7150.