

## On-Campus Scholarships

If you missed the scholarship opportunity in high school, there are still thousands of ROTC scholarships available on campus. Two and three-year scholarships are awarded based strictly on merit, to the most outstanding students who apply.

The ROTC scholarship benefit package provides up to \$16,000 per year for tuition and mandatory fees to selected applicants. In addition to tuition and mandatory fees, a book allowance of \$450 per year is provided.

You must be a college freshman or sophomore to apply for a Campus Based Scholarship and you must take military science classes.

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### When to Apply

Applications are available from March of your high school junior year to November 1 of your senior year. For regular cycle consideration, your application must be completed and mailed before **November 15** of your senior year. Winners are notified on March 1.

We also offer an early-acceptance option. The application is due by **July 15**, and winners are notified by October 15. The application due date is **April 1 for students pursuing a career in nursing**.

Those applicants not selected for the „Early Decision“ will automatically be considered for the „Regular Decision“ competition. Early decision applicants may submit updates to their applications any time prior to **December 15**. Only a few scholarships are awarded under the „Early Decision“ option.

For **On Campus scholarships** for freshmen and sophomores, application information is available through your Military Science instructors.

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### The Four-Year Scholarship

The Army ROTC 4-year scholarship program is available to students who have graduated from high school or possess an equivalent certificate prior to starting college. Students are awarded Army ROTC scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process. In keeping with high standards of excellence, candidates are selected for scholastic as well as extracurricular accomplishment, and not on the basis of financial need. Information about previous scholarship recipients is available.

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## General Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be 17 years of age by October 1 of your freshman year and younger than 23 on June 30 of that year. (In addition, you must not reach your 27th birthday by June 30 of the year in which you will graduate from college and receive your commission.) If you have prior active duty military service, you may be eligible for extension of this age requirement – the age is extended one year for each one year of military service. The maximum extension is three years which means you must be under 30 years of age on June 30 of the year you will graduate and receive your degree.
- Have no moral obligation or personal conviction that will prevent you from „Supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,“ or conscientiously bearing arms.
- Satisfactorily explain any record of arrest and/or civil conviction.
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5.
- Receive a minimum SAT score of at least 920 points or an ACT composite score of 19.
- Agree to accept a commission in the United States Army.
- Meet required physical standards.
- **For a four-year scholarship–**
  - Be a high school graduate or have an equivalent certificate before September of your college freshman year. If you are taking or have taken college courses, you must be considered a **beginning freshman** and have four academic years remaining for a baccalaureate degree upon enrollment in the fall of your college freshman year
  - If you are in an **accelerated program** and will complete your senior year of high school and first year of college concurrently, you must have four academic years remaining in an approved baccalaureate degree program upon enrollment in the fall of the combined academic year.

- If you are a **college freshman** in a documented five-year program with 4 years remaining before graduation, you must submit verification from your university that your course of study is a five-year program and that you will have four full years remaining. Contact the Army Professor of Military Science at your university for a copy of a planned academic program worksheet.
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## Your Commitment to ROTC

As a winner of a four-year scholarship, you're required to take an ROTC class, which demands no more than a few hours of your time each week. Scholarship students lead essentially the same life as other college students. You may pursue any course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree and you may engage in any activity that does not interfere with your ROTC requirements – which include prescribed Military Science courses, participation in scheduled drill periods, and completion of the ROTC Advanced Camp between your junior and senior years. Upon graduation, you have an obligation to accept a commission and serve full time in the Active Army, or part time in either the Army National Guard or the U.S. Army Reserve.

## Your Obligations

You must sign a contract with the Secretary of the Army. If you are 17 years of age when you enroll, your parents or guardian must also sign this contract. If you are 18 or older, only your signature is required. This contract contains a requirement to repay the United States government for all financial aid received if, after you begin your sophomore year, you fail 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.

You must enlist in the Army Reserve for a period of eight years. You must be 17 years of age by the time of enrollment in order to sign an enlistment contract.

You must enroll in the university listed, and pursue the academic discipline identified, in your selection letter.

As a nurse scholarship recipient, you must attend the Partnership In Nursing Education (PNE) school named in your announcement letter.

Attend the ROTC Advanced Camp, normally between your junior and senior years of college.

You must accept a commission as either an active Army, Army Reserve, or

Army National Guard officer upon completion of the required academic and ROTC courses.

You must serve in the military for a combined period of eight years This may be fulfilled by:

- Serving on active duty, if selected, for four years followed by service in the Army National Guard (ARNG) or United States Army Reserve (USAR) or the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) for the remainder of the 8-year obligation.
- Serving eight years in an ARNG or USAR Troop Program Unit which includes a 3 - 6 month active duty period for initial training.

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### **How Winners are Selected**

Selection of scholarship finalists is based on

- Results of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). If you take both the SAT and ACT, please furnish the results of both tests – your best score will be used.
- High school academic standing. Your class size and rank are required. You must have a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Three school officials' evaluations. These evaluations must be completed by teachers, coaches, or the principal. If you attended the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) Preparatory School, you must have one of these evaluations completed by a USMA Preparatory School official.
- Extracurricular participation, athletic activities and leadership positions held. If you held part-time jobs during the school year and didn't have the time for extensive participation in sports and extracurricular activities you will be given credit based on the number of hours you worked per week.
- Personal interview. Personal interview. It is very important that you apply to the schools you list on your application. Your information will only be given to the Professor of Military Science (PMS) at the schools you have listed if you become an interviewee. The PMS will then contact you for an interview.
- We also look for academic excellence as most of our winners fall in the top 25% of their class. Most score between 920-1600 on the SAT and 19-35 on the ACT. In school year 1999, the average SAT score was 1242 and the average ACT score was 28.

- The Professors of Military Science at the colleges and universities are now much more directly involved in selecting scholarship winners. Thus, if your application is competitive it will be sent to the PMS at the three schools you listed as your choices on your scholarship application. The PMS will then contact you and arrange to interview you either by telephone or in person, depending on the distance involved. After evaluating all the competitive applicants who listed his school as one of their choices, the PMS will choose the applicants to which he wants to award scholarships to his university. Cadet Command headquarters will send all applicants final notification of their status. If you are awarded a scholarship, you can use it only at the college or university named in your final notification letter.