

High School Students and Counselors



OVERVIEW

Air Force ROTC offers high school graduates 4- and 3- year scholarships through its High School Scholarship Program (HSSP).

- Type 1 – Pays full college tuition and most fees. Available only to students majoring in select technical fields. Approximately 5% of scholarship offers are Type 1
- Type 2 – Pays tuition and most fees up to \$18,000 per year. Open to students in any major. Approximately 25% of scholarship offers are Type 2
- Type 7 – Pays full tuition and fees but the student MUST attend a college/university where he/she qualifies for the in-state tuition rate. A Type 7 scholarship may be converted to a 3-year Type 2 Scholarship if the student wishes to attend an out of state or private college/university

All Air Force ROTC scholarship recipients and/or contracted* cadets receive a nontaxable monthly stipend ranging from \$300 - \$500 and an annual textbook allowance of \$900.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Air Force ROTC scholarships are degree-specific. Students must major in the field in which they are awarded a scholarship. Approximately 70% of all scholarship offers are made in the following technical areas:

- Engineering – Aeronautical, astronautical, aerospace, architectural, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, and mechanical

- Scientific/Technical Fields – Architecture, computer science, mathematics, meteorology, physics, and chemistry

The remaining 30% of scholarship offers are made in all other fields, including business administration/management, biology, economics, political science, history, psychology, nursing, and foreign languages.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen prior to scholarship application
- Graduate from high school
- Be age 17 before scholarship activation
- Be under age 31 on December 31st of the student's commissioning year
- Never have been enrolled full-time in college, except for joint high school/college programs
- Cannot be a single parent (waiverable on a case-by-case basis)
- Meet appropriate physical fitness standards.
- College entrance examination – The student must take and receive the results of the ACT and/or SAT prior to December of his/her senior year[†]
- Academic Composite – A measure of the student's academic performance based upon his/her ACT or SAT scores, class rank, GPA, and number of advanced placement courses completed through 11th grade

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, the student must achieve an SAT critical reading/math composite of 1100 or an ACT score of 24 and attain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 3.0.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The scholarship cycle begins in the spring of the student's junior year and continues through December of his/her senior year. ***The scholarship application window's opening and closing dates vary from year to year and deadlines are posted each year at www.afrotc.com.***

TO APPLY

Students apply for the HSSP online at www.afrotc.com. In addition to the online application, they are required to submit an official transcript, activities sheet, resume, personal statement, ACT/SAT scores, and an Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment. Once a student completes his/her application, he/she interviews with an Air Force officer. Scholarships are awarded based upon the student's application package and interview.[‡]

* A contracted cadet is a cadet who has signed a contract with AFROTC. Scholarship cadets contract upon activating their scholarships. Non-scholarship cadets must be contracted in order to enter the AS300 level of AFROTC.

[†] Currently, AFROTC considers only scores from the critical reading and mathematics section of the SAT and does not require scores from the writing section of the ACT.

[‡] For more information, visit www.afrotc.com or call toll-free at (866) 4-AFROTC (423-7682).