

# Medical School Scholarship Program



## OVERVIEW

AFROTC offers the opportunity for 25 qualified cadets per year to earn medical school scholarships through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) or the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). AFROTC cadets selected for the Prehealth Designator are guaranteed sponsorship through one of these programs if they are accepted into an accredited medical school or USUHS prior to commissioning.

## REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Prehealth Designator, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Have a least a 3.5 cumulative college GPA
- Be awarded an AFROTC Prehealth Enrollment Allocation (normally awarded between the sophomore and junior years)
- Agree to accept an Armed Forces Health Professional Scholarship or attend USUHS

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Qualified AFROTC cadets may compete for the Prehealth Designator two years prior to their date of commissioning. Nominations are processed by the detachment staff and submitted to HQ/AFROTC for consideration. The Prehealth Designator is NOT an undergraduate scholarship program.

## ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AFHPSP pays for up to four years of medical school to selected AFROTC Prehealth cadets upon their commissioning. Commissionees are assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and are commissioned in the Air Force Reserve Medical Services Corps as Second Lieutenants.

AFHPSP pays for tuition, books, laboratory and incidental fees, and rental equipment costs. It does not pay for room and board. However, students will receive a taxable monthly allowance.

Students serve four 45-day active duty training tours over the course of medical school. During these tours, they receive active duty pay and allowances.

To qualify for the AFHPSP, students must:

- Be accepted into an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school leading to the award of a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) inside the U.S. or Puerto Rico
- Sign a contract to complete the educational phase and accept reappointment or designation in the appropriate health profession
- Participate in the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Selection Board and enter graduate medical education as selected and directed by the Air Force
- Participate in annual training at a military location for 45 days each year

## UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

The USUHS is a Department of Defense (DOD) medical school that serves students from all branches of the armed services. AFROTC cadets accepted to enroll in USUHS are assigned to the USUHS campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Upon arrival at the USUHS, they are re-commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the Medical Services Corps and are considered to be on active duty while attending medical school. They receive active duty pay and allowances.

To qualify for the USUHS, students must:

- Be accepted into the USUHS
- Sign a contract to complete the educational phase of USUHS
- Participate in the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Selection Board and enter graduate medical education as selected and directed by the Air Force at an active duty location

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Obligations incurred through AFROTC and the appropriate health professions graduate schools must be served consecutively. Anyone not accepted into the AFHPSP or the USUHS enters active duty as a line officer with an assignment dependent upon Air Force needs and serves four years of active duty.