

# Education: Air Force ROTC

How to begin a career in the Air Force as an officer:

## **Introduction**

Air Force ROTC is a college program offered at more than 1000 campuses across the country that prepares young men and women to become leaders in the Air Force. But it's also so much more. You will grow as an individual both mentally and physically while developing lifelong friendships. It's an opportunity to acquire strong leadership skills that will benefit you as an Air Force officer and in corporate America. And it's an opportunity to pay for school through scholarships. Plus unlike many college students, you'll have a position waiting for you after graduation at one of the top high-tech organizations in the world - the U.S. Air Force.

## **Admission Requirements**

Because a lot is expected from students in Air Force ROTC, there are certain admission requirements:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA (2.5 if on scholarship).
- Attend a college that offers AFROTC.
- Enroll in AFROTC as an elective.
- Be in good physical shape.
- Have high moral character.



## **Scholarship Options**

- Air Force ROTC can help you with the rising costs of college education with an array of full or partial scholarships that cover tuition and fees. Recipients also receive \$900 a year for books and extra spending money so you can concentrate on your studies instead of how to pay for them.

## **To compete for a pilot or combat systems officer allocation you need to:**

- Be enrolled full-time in a school offering Air Force ROTC and qualify for the program
- Meet all physical requirements
- Achieve qualifying scores on the [Air Force Officer Qualifying Test](#)
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average
- Receive a waiver for any civil involvement (for example, speeding tickets, minor infractions, etc.)
- Be commissioned prior to reaching your 29th birthday

## ***Getting Started***

If you are interested in becoming an Air Force pilot or combat systems officer, start talking to your [detachment admissions officer](#) (for college students) or Regional Director of Admissions (for high school students) as soon as possible. If you are medically qualified and desire a flying career, you must compete for pilot and/or combat systems officer allocations about 15 months prior to graduation and commissioning.

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### *Junior Year of Air Force ROTC*

**Fall Term** – Make sure you talk to the [detachment](#) staff and let them know you are interested in flying. There are a number of tasks that you need to get accomplished to make sure that you are qualified to compete for a pilot or combat systems officer slot.

- Have a completed physical, coordinated with Air Force ROTC, that establishes you are medically certified to be a pilot or combat systems officer. This must be completed by November of your junior year.
- Take the [AFOQT](#) and achieve qualifying scores.
- Pilots need minimum Pilot and Combat Systems Officer scores of 25 and 10, respectively.
- Combat Systems Officers need minimum Pilot and Combat Systems Officer scores of 10 and 25, respectively.
- Take the Test of Basic Aviation Skills (TBAS)

**Spring Term** – The cutoff date for submitting updated information to your package is normally the second week of February.

### *Senior Year of Air Force ROTC*

Once selected, Air Force ROTC pilot candidates have the opportunity to complete the Initial Flight Screening (IFS) as an [AFROTC](#) cadet. This program consists of 50 hours of flying time. You must finish this program prior to beginning Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Air Force ROTC combat systems officer candidates have the opportunity to complete the Combat Systems Officer Initial Flight Screening as an [AFROTC](#) cadet. This program consists of 20 hours of instruction covering basic navigation skills. You must finish this program prior to beginning Specialized Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training.

Specific duty assignments must be made prior to commissioning, based on the needs of the Air Force, individual qualifications and desires.

#### **Links to more Information click below:**

<http://afrotc.com/college-life/college-locator/>

<http://afrotc.com/help-center/locate-rep/>

<http://afrotc.com/help-center/qa/#!/students/>

<http://afrotc.com/help-center/faqs/>

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