

ROTC F.A.Q.

Q. By enrolling in Army ROTC, am I joining the Army?

A. No. Students who enroll in Army ROTC don't join the Army. They attend Army ROTC classes for which they receive college credit; considered an elective. Only Cadets who "Contract" with ROTC are obligated to join the Army following graduation and commissioning.

Q. Is ROTC like "boot camp?"

A. Not at all. Army ROTC Cadets attend college where they earn a degree. They are students first, cadets second. Only about 1/5 of a Cadet's time is spent in ROTC; the other 4/5 is spent on their academic degree and other extracurricular activities such as varsity athletics, a fraternity/sorority, band, clubs, etc.

Q. What can I expect to learn by taking ROTC?

A. ROTC Cadets acquire the leadership and management skills required to become a U.S. Army officer and/or enjoy a successful civilian career.

Q. What makes ROTC different from regular college management courses?

A. Students in ROTC learn through a unique program that involves both classroom and "hands-on" practical situations. Cadets don't just read about leadership, they actually do it, which is why employers greatly value college graduates with ROTC experience.

Q. Do I have a military obligation during college?

A. Only for Scholarship Cadets and those who are in the Simultaneous Membership Program. For all others there is NO military obligation to take the first 2 years of ROTC. By the end of the sophomore year and before the beginning the junior year a Cadet must decide whether becoming an Army Officer is right for them. Upon contracting, a Cadet begins to receive a monthly stipend up to \$500 a month.

Q. What's the ROTC course comprised of?

A. The ROTC program is divided into two phases: the Basic and the Advanced Courses. The Basic course is the first 2 years and covers Army history, organization and structure, military traditions and courtesies, rappelling, basic marksmanship, physical fitness and squad-level tactics. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management and small unit leadership command and control.

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Q. Is High School JROTC required to enroll in college ROTC?

A. No. However, those who took four years of JROTC (any service) or who have already attended Basic Training are eligible to go through an “accelerated” basic course—or in some situations have the basic course altogether waived by the Professor of Military Science and begin the Advanced Course right away.

Q. Does ROTC offer scholarships?

A. Yes. ASU Army ROTC awards scholarships to students pursuing a major in any degree field and to those students enrolled in one of our partner schools. No specific majors are required. ASU Army ROTC department partnership schools are ASU at Beebe, Williams Baptist College and Harding University.

Q. How much money does ROTC usually award and what does the money go towards?

A. Scholarships are awarded at different monetary levels from 2 to 4 years. They cover tuition and student fees; however, scholarships only cover either tuition or room and board, not both. Additionally, scholarship awardees receive money for books, as well as a monthly stipend.

Q. On what basis are scholarship winners chosen?

A. ROTC scholarships are not based on financial need. Instead, they're awarded on merit and proven potential. You must meet a myriad of qualifications based on physical fitness, academics, leadership potential and extracurricular activities. The Army is looking for the next generation of well-rounded Officers and considers numerous factors when selecting scholarship awardees.

Q. Can only scholarship winners enroll in ROTC?

A. No. Anyone can enroll in ROTC and regardless of whether you're a scholarship winner or not, all ROTC books, supplies and equipment are furnished at no cost.

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Q. How often are ROTC scholarships awarded?

A. Scholarships are awarded throughout the year to qualified students. High School students generally receive their scholarship during their senior year. Green-to-Gold Scholarships are awarded twice a year. Nursing, SMP, and college based 2-, 3-, and 4-year scholarships are awarded continuously throughout the school year and summer to qualified cadets. ASU also has several scholarships established by generous alumni—specifically for ASU ROTC Cadets.

Q. How do college students benefit from ROTC?

A. In college and after graduation, Cadets find that the training and experience they've received are valuable assets - whether pursuing an Army or civilian career, or both in the case of Reserve and National Guard officers. Employers place a high regard on the management and leadership skills acquired in ROTC; plus, ROTC looks impressive on a resume. When Cadets complete the ROTC course and upon graduation, they become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army which is valued even more by employers.

Q. How do I apply for a scholarship from ROTC?

A. If you would like a campus based scholarship please contact the Recruiting Operations Officer by calling Mr. Dave Hastings at (8709) 972-2116 or by email him at dhastings@astate.edu. If you are applying for a 4-year national scholarship go to <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.jsp>. They will be able to answer any questions that you might have and will guide you in the right direction on what steps you need to take to apply for a 2-, 3-, or 4-year scholarship.

Q. I'm already a junior in college and want to become an officer in the military. Is it too late for me to join ROTC?

A. Not at all. You would be a "Lateral Entry" Cadet. You'll attend the Leaders Training Course at Fort Knox, KY for 1-month during the summer which will give you credit for the basic course. You'll then take the final 2 years of the advanced course. Lateral Entry is also applicable to seniors and Graduate students as well.

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Q. How do I join ASU Army ROTC?

A. Students at Arkansas State University, Arkansas State University at Beebe, Williams Baptist College or Harding University can register for Military Science courses and take them at ASU or ASU-Beebe. When registering for classes, register for the appropriate Military Science course along with the Leadership Laboratory. A list of these courses can be found in the course catalog and they are described in further detail on this website's courses page.

Q. What extra-curricular opportunities does ASU Army ROTC offer?

A. There are numerous extracurricular activities during the school year such as the Ranger Challenge Team, Sisler's Rangers Club, Bataan Death March, Intramural Sports, Color Guard, Rifle Team and Cadet Socials.

Q. Is Physical Fitness Training required?

A. It is only required for contracted and scholarship Cadets; however, most ROTC instructors include attendance at the PT sessions (M, W & F 6:30 to 7:30 AM) as a percentage for a grade in the course. ASU ROTC has one of the finest physical fitness facilities in the nation with more Olympic weightlifting equipment and strength machines than the average NCAA Division II and III varsity athletic programs!

Q. What summer training opportunities does ROTC offer?

A. During the summer break, select Cadets can attend Airborne School; Air Assault School; Mountain Warfare School in Vermont; Northern Warfare school in Alaska; Special Forces SCUBA School at key West, FL; Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, KY; Warrior Forge at Fort Lewis, WA; Cadet Troop Leadership Training at locations around the world; Critical Language Training, international travel with the Cultural Understanding and Language Program and the Civilian Marksmanship Program and NRA Nationals at camp Perry, Ohio.

Q. What are my career field choices in the Army when I commission?

A. You can join a variety of career fields to include Aviation, Nursing, Armor, Military Intelligence, Infantry, Adjutant General, Chemical, Ordnance, Signal, Quartermaster, Transportation, Medical Service, Military Police, Finance, Field Artillery, Air Defense Artillery, and the Engineer Corps. You have the option of going active duty Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve.

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Q. I want to apply for a Green-to-Gold scholarship at ASU. What steps do I need to take?

A. The most important thing that you need to do is get accepted into a 4 year Bachelor's Program at a ASU or one of the university with a partnership with ASU Army ROTC. After you are accepted into to one of these universities, you need to inform your chain of command, submit your Green to Gold Packet and contact ASU Army ROTC.