

Graduate Students

Who Can Apply?

Applicants requiring more than two complete academic years for completion of a graduate degree are not eligible for admission. If you are interested, you will probably fall into one of three categories listed below:

- Applicants already possessing a baccalaureate degree.
- Seniors in college with a letter of acceptance to a graduate program.
- Current graduate program participants with two years remaining.

What Does ROTC Have to Offer?

This program provides a chance to compete for a 2-year scholarship for pursuit of a graduate degree. This program is limited to 20 months of benefits (based on 4 semesters, start in August, not including June and July, and graduate in May).

How Can I Join?

The summer before your first year of grad school, we will send you to Basic Camp. Basic Camp is basic training for college students. It is a paid, 30+ days course at Ft. Knox KY in which all travel, food, and housing is paid for. By attending Basic Camp you will learn the basics of what it is like to be an Army Officer. This includes basic military tactics, land navigation, rifle marksmanship, and leadership. By attending Basic Camp you owe the military and ROTC no obligation whatsoever. But should you decide that becoming an Army Officer is for you, then you can contract the beginning of your 1st year of grad school.

If you decide to contract you will take military science classes your first and second year of grad school, then when you graduate you will become an officer in the Army. This gives you a guaranteed, well-paying job, with tons of leadership and management skills.

Contracting Routes:

(You can only choose one of the three routes)

- Scholarship: Cadets may choose between two options:
 - Option 1: 100% of tuition and fees paid. These funds are paid directly to the university.
 - Option 2: "Room and Board": \$12,000 per year (\$6,000 per semester). These funds are paid directly to the Cadet.

All scholarship Cadets will also receive a stipend of \$420 per month and receive \$600 per semester for books. Once you graduate, you owe the Army an eight-year service obligation. See the graphic below for how these years may be spent.

- Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP): You are an ROTC Cadet and a member of the National Guard/Reserves. Receive a stipend every month. You also have to attend drill one weekend a month with your unit. You will be paid around \$300 a month after taxes for drill weekends. You also get to pick which unit that you want to be in. Once you graduate you will owe the Army three years on active duty or 6 years in the National Guard/Reserves as an officer, leading soldiers.
- Contracted Non-Scholarship Cadet: Receive a stipend every month. You will owe the Army 3 years on active duty or 6 years in the National Guard/Reserves as an officer, leading soldiers.



ARMY ROTC SERVICE OBLIGATION



Important Points

- **All** commissioning 2LT's incur an 8x year service obligation.
- Configuration of that commitment is dictated by several factors.

8yr Service Obligation								
Commission / Scholarship Status	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Active Duty Commission + Scholarship (4yr, 3yr AD, STEM, Nursing)	Initial ADSO				AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR			
Active Duty Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ADSO			AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR				
Reserve Forces Commission + Scholarship (Dedicated ARNG/USAR, GRFD)	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation							
Reserve Forces Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation						ARNG/USAR or IRR	

Acronyms
2LT – Second Lieutenant
AD - Active Duty
ADSO - Active Duty Service Obligation
ARNG - Army National Guard
GRFD - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty
IRR - Inactive Readiness Reserve
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
USAR - US Army Reserve

"Primus Inter Pares"

COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC