

ARMY ROTC

Scholarship Information

GATEWAY BATTALION

St. Louis, Missouri

Washington University in Saint Louis

Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO)

Saint Louis University

University of Missouri-Saint Louis

Fontbonne University

Maryville University

Missouri Baptist University

Webster University

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History of Gateway Battalion:

The tradition of training college students for military leadership began in 1819 at what is now Norwich University. The ROTC program that we know today, however, is a result of the National Defense Act of 1916. This act established ROTC and authorized a Second Lieutenant's commission to those who successfully completed the program.

First Lieutenant John Stafford served as the first Professor of Military Science for Washington University in 1891. In December of 1918, the University and the War Department negotiated to formally establish a ROTC detachment. Voluntary enrollment began in January of 1919.

Training continued until the onset of World War II. At that time, cadets in the Advanced Course were brought onto active duty as officers to serve the war effort. Those in the Basic Course were soon drafted. Army ROTC was reinstated at the University in 1946 as an anti-aircraft artillery unit and continued as such until conversion to the General Military Science Program in 1960. The Revitalization Act of 1964 introduced the ROTC scholarship and the two-year program.

In 1979, the Army ROTC program moved to the Academy Building on Millbrook Boulevard (Forest Park Parkway). An extension center was established at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in March 1980, but moved to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois, in June 1993. In 1999 SIUE gained host-center status and broke off from the Gateway Battalion as an independent Battalion.

In the past few years, the Gateway Battalion has expanded its efforts to reach all the St. Louis-area schools. Gateway founded an extension center at Lindenwood University in 2000. Basic-course classes are also now offered at St. Louis University (SLU) and University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL).

Currently the Gateway Battalion includes 11 schools in the St. Louis area. For the past several years, the Gateway Battalion has met or exceeded the commission mission. Recently, Gateway was ranked number two out of the 270 ROTC programs across the nation.

The St. Louis-Area Army ROTC program has a long tradition of producing consistently superior Army officers for the active and reserve forces. For over 80 years, thousands of officers have earned their Army commissions while students here. We are proud of our past tradition, our present corps and we look forward to commissioning more officers of the highest caliber.



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ROTC Scholarship

The ARMY ROTC Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance for quality students who achieved academic excellence in high school and college. To help you meet the cost of a college education, Army ROTC offers four-year, three-year, and two-year scholarships. This program enables students to earn appointments as commissioned officers in the United States Army.

Benefit Package

The ROTC benefit package provides full-tuition and mandatory fees. In addition to tuition and fees, the student receives a \$1,200 book allowance per year (to be divided equally between semesters or quarters depending on the school's system).

Stipend

All scholarship cadets and cadets enrolled in the advanced course (juniors and seniors) are entitled a stipend (subsistence allowance) authorized by law. The subsistence allowance typically begins on the first day of school. The stipend for advanced course cadets will start the day the cadet starts the advanced course.

Freshman (MSI): \$420*

Sophomore (MSII): \$420*

Junior (MSIII): \$420**

Senior (MSIV): \$420**

* MS I and MS II cadets receive a stipend for no more than ten (10) months of any academic year or the actual duration of the academic year, whichever is shorter.

** MS III (through MS IV year) cadets receive a stipend for no more than 20 months uninterrupted except while attending Cadet Leaders Course (CLC) and Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) during the Junior and Senior Years.

To Apply

Follow the link below and follow the instructions.

High School Students between their Junior and Senior years can start the application on or about 12th June every year. Date subject to change. Students can check the timeline once they build their online application:

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

Once application is complete there are four required items to upload to have a board ready application:

- 1) High School transcripts
- 2) ACT/SAT verification
- 3) Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)
- 4) Professor of Military Science (PMS) Interview



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Campus Based Scholarships

College students can apply for a 4-year, 3.5-year, 3-year, 2.5-year and 2-year On-Campus scholarships. Students must be enrolled at a 4-year University or College and be a fulltime student (12 credit hours or more). Community College students can attend Army ROTC Classes but cannot apply for a ROTC scholarship. They must transfer to a 4-year University or College and be enrolled into military science classes.

Additional Incentives

The ROTC benefit package provides full-tuition and mandatory fees. Here in the Saint Louis Area some of our member Universities will offer additional benefits to students on a ROTC scholarship.

Washington University in Saint Louis (WashU) will offer up to 15 four year high school scholarship students free room and board. Washington University also offers an additional 16 campus based scholarship winners free room and board. Saint Louis University ** (SLU), Lindenwood University (LU), Maryville University and University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) will offer room and board to students on any type of army ROTC scholarship.

** SLU offers a room/board award up to the cost of a double-room in Griesediek Hall

Requirements

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 ACT (excluding the writing test scores)
- Meet physical standards
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve of National Guard)

Nursing Scholarships

Upon graduation from college with a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing, you will become part of an elite organization that protects the health of our nation's fighting forces. It is a position of great responsibility, high expectations, learning and adventure. You will immediately be given more responsibility, sooner and with greater authority than you would expect in the private sector. You will refine the leadership skills you developed in ROTC as you serve your country. We are honored to have Saint Louis University, University of Missouri St. Louis and Maryville University's School of Nursing as participating in of our ROTC program.

- Saint Louis University Nursing <http://www.slu.edu/nursing-x17932>
- University of Missouri St. Louis Nursing <http://www.umsl.edu/~nursingweb/>
- Maryville University Nursing <https://www.maryville.edu/hp/nursing/>



If you receive an Army ROTC Nurse Scholarship you will receive the following extra benefits:

- NCLEX-RN review course fee paid
- NCLEX-RN exam fee paid
- Malpractice insurance paid
- Immunizations paid
- Nursing supplies / Uniforms / stethoscope (\$650.00 flat rate total)

Nursing Specialty Courses

The Army offers six specialty areas of study to nurse officers:

- Critical Care
- Perioperative
- Emergency Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Community Health
- Psych/Mental Health

These courses are 16 weeks in length and are conducted in a combination of classroom and clinical settings. Army Nurses must have a minimum of one year clinical experience prior to attending one of these schools. All scholarship nurse cadets will automatically be eligible to apply for specialty training within the first 6-12 months on active duty.

Advantages of Army ROTC Nursing:

1. Experience - You will not find anywhere else the kind of direct, hands-on experience you will receive in ROTC training. You will be given significant responsibilities early in your career.
2. Leadership - An officer is a leader. That's why leadership and management are stressed as part of the ROTC nursing program. The Army provides nursing students with unique training to develop the skills that will help you take command.
3. Advancement - there is no mystery about how to get ahead in the Army Nurse Corps. Promotions are based on performance, and the career path is clear-cut. You will be given the opportunity to progress in rank as your nursing proficiency and effective leadership traits are demonstrated.
4. Professional Environment - As an Army Nurse, you are an important member of the health care team. You have been given the training to meet problems head-on and solve them quickly, adapting to the situation and taking charge. You are a thinker and decision maker, earning the respect of your colleagues and the people who work for you.

Simultaneous Membership Program (National Guard & Reserves)

You may be able to take advantage of a program that allows you to participate in ROTC and enlist in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve at the same time, provided a vacancy exists in either a Guard or Reserve unit. It's called the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), and it means that while you're still in college, you can be gaining valuable experience and earning extra income. In the SMP, you will be paid at the rate of at least a Sergeant E-5 for your Guard or Reserve service. In addition, you'll receive the ROTC Advanced Course allowance as well. You'll serve as an officer trainee in a Guard or Reserve unit and perform duties



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commensurate with the grade of second lieutenant. Once you graduate and receive your commission, you may continue your military service with your Reserve or National Guard unit or go on active duty.

The ROTC Contract that is agreed upon will determine a cadet status. **You are considered Non-Deployable during your time as an SMP Cadet!** The intent of the SMP Program is to increase officer accessions into the Reserve Components (RC) by increasing ROTC enrollment from enlisted RC members who are attending college. In addition, contracted non-scholarship cadets and RFD scholarship cadets can join a RC unit and the SMP. Advanced Course ROTC SMP students are paid for their Guard/Reserve training and receive the ROTC allowance of \$450.00 per month as a junior and \$500.00 per month as a senior as well as \$1200.00 per year for books. Upon completing the ROTC program, the United States Army Officer agrees to an eight-year obligation, which can be served in the Reserve Forces, on Active Duty or a combination of the two.

High School Student FAQ

What is Army ROTC? Army ROTC is a college elective you can take for up to two years with no obligation. Unlike traditional college programs, Army ROTC gives you a wide range of experiences while you work toward your degree. You'll combine classroom time with hands-on training, learning and leadership skills that are sure to give you an edge over your peers when it comes time for job interviews and presenting yourself in a professional manner. Whether you're planning a career in the Army or the corporate world, you will gain the necessary leadership skills and personal confidence to succeed in whichever path you take.

By enrolling in ROTC, are you joining the Army? No. Students who enroll in ROTC don't join the Army. They take our ROTC classes for which they receive credit. It's considered a college elective. During the first two years, ROTC cadets have no military obligation unless they are on an Army ROTC Scholarship.

What are the ROTC courses comprised of? The ROTC program is divided into phases: The Basic Course (first two years) studies Army history, organization, structure, land navigation, small unit tactics, and developing self-confidence. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course (last two years) concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership, and command.

How do students benefit from ROTC? In college and after graduation, cadets find that the training and experience that they have received are assets - whether pursuing an Army or civilian career. Civilian employers place high regard on the management and leadership skills that our ROTC instructors stress. Plus, ROTC looks great on a resume. When cadets complete the ROTC course, upon graduation, they become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.

What good is Army ROTC for a Career outside of the Army? Army ROTC is one of the only college programs that teach leadership. This training is invaluable for any career that involves leading, managing and motivating people or fostering teamwork. Young Army Officers are typically responsible for hundreds of Soldiers and millions of dollars in equipment; this kind of management experience can be very attractive for post-Army employers.

How will being an Army ROTC cadet affect my daily life? Army ROTC Cadets have the same lifestyle and academic schedules as any other college students. They join fraternities and sororities. They participate in varsity team and individual sports. They take part in community service projects.

What is the typical career path for an Army Officer? What Fields are available? Army ROTC graduates are commissioned as U.S. Army Second Lieutenants. They then receive specialized training in one of 17 different Army branches. During their Army careers, they'll receive regular professional training as they



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advance through the ranks, and they'll have many opportunities for advanced leadership positions and post-graduate education.

What are the time lines for the online application process?

Here they are the dates for this fall/winter's board dates. If you are applying for a four year high school Army ROTC scholarship that will start in the fall semester these are the dates you should pay attention to. If you are a high school student finishing up your junior year and going into senior year in the fall, these are also your dates.

****Dates**** (Dates are subject to change. Please check on the Cadet Command student log in section)

The window opens 12 Jun 20XX

1st High School Selection Board Deadline for Documents 3-Oct-20xx

1st High School Selection Board 20-Oct-20xx

2nd High School Selection Board Deadline for Documents 05-Jan-20xx

2nd High School Selection Board 25-Jan-20xx

4-Year High School Application Deadline 10-Jan-20xx

Final (3rd) HS Selection Board Deadline for Docs — Missing Items 29-Feb-20xx

Final (3rd) High School Selection Board 7-Mar-20xx

What makes you competitive for an Army ROTC Scholarship?

We are looking for motivated, well-rounded individuals to become the future leaders of the United States Army. We target the "Scholar – Athlete – Leader" (SAL).

High School Criteria (4-Year Scholarship Awardees):

Scholar (only requires one of the following bullets) · Valedictorian/Salutatorian · Membership in National Honor Society · Honors or Advanced Placement Program graduate · GPA over 3.0 and SAT/ACT over 1100/21 · Top 10 percent of class *and either* - GPA over 3.0 *or* - SAT/ACT score above 1100/21

Athlete (only requires one of the following bullets) · Varsity Letter from HS team · Member of regional/city/competitive league · *Either* active involvement in organized competitive team sports *or* active involvement in individual athletic competitions (triathlon, mountain biking, running, martial arts, etc)

Leader (only requires one of the following bullets) · Elected member of student government, class, activity · Captain of athletic or academic team · Eagle Scout / Gold Star · Served in position of responsibility in school/club or private organization *and* leader in volunteer service organizations/activities



What are the ways to enroll into Army ROTC?

42 Entry Ways Into the ROTC Program				
Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate School
4 Yr Scholarship (1)	3 Yr Scholarship (Compress MS 1 and 2) (2)	Basic Camp (1)	Transfer from another service ROTC Program (1)	Basic Camp (1)
MS1 Non-Scholarship (1)	3 Yr Non-Scholarship (Compress MS 1 and 2) (1)	2Yr Green to Gold Scholarship (3)	Attendance at an SMC (4)	2Yr Green to Gold Scholarship (3)
3Yr Advanced Designee Scholarship (2)	3Yr Green to Gold Scholarship (3)	2Yr Green to Gold Non-Scholarship (3)		2Yr Green to Gold Non-Scholarship (3)
4Yr Green to Gold Scholarship (3)	3Yr Green to Gold Non-Scholarship (3)	Green to Gold Active Duty Option (ADO) (3)		Green to Gold Active Duty Option (ADO) (3)
4Yr Green to Gold Non-Scholarship (3)	Green to Gold Hip Pocket 3 Yr Scholarship (3)	Green to Gold Hip Pocket 2 YR Scholarship (3)		Green to Gold Hip Pocket 2 Yr Scholarship (3)
Green to Gold Hip Pocket 4 Yr Scholarship (3)	GRFD Dedicated Guard Scholarship (2)	GRFD Guard Scholarship (2)		GRFD Guard Scholarship (2)
Military Junior College Early Commissioning Program (ECP) (4)	GRFD Dedicated Reserve Scholarship (2)	GRFD Reserve Scholarship (2)		GRFD Reserve Scholarship (2)
Military Junior College 2 + 2 (4)	Lateral Entry from Guard or Reserve (1)	Lateral Entry from Guard or Reserve (1)		Lateral Entry from Guard or Reserve (1)
4Yr GRFD Dedicated Reserve Scholarship (Minuteman only) (2)	Transfer from another service ROTC Program (1)	Alternate Entry Option (5)		Alternate Entry Option (5)
		Basic Course Credit From 3 Yrs JROTC (1)		Basic Course Credit From 3 Yrs JROTC (1)
		Accelerated Cadet Commissioning Training (ACCT) (5)		Accelerated Cadet Commissioning Training (ACCT) (5)

(1) Details covered by this SOP; details covered in CC Reg 145-1 & CC Pam 145-1

(2) Content can be found in this SOP

(3) Green to Gold not covered in this SOP; details can be found in CC Reg 145-6, CC Reg 145-1 & CC Pam 145-1, Chapter 4

(4) Only enter this way via programs in 1st Brigade; more information can be found in CC Reg 145-1, Chapter 2-3

(5) Alternate Enrollment Options requiring waivers not covered in this SOP; details in CC Reg 145-3, Chapter 3



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