AIR FORCE ROTC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

The Air Force ROTC **<u>High School Scholarship Program</u>** provides 3- and 4-year scholarships in three different types to high school seniors. The application process is the same for each type.

- <u>Type 1</u> pays full college tuition, most fees and \$900 per year for books. Approximately 5 percent of our 4-year scholarship winners will be offered a Type-1 scholarship (mostly in <u>technical fields</u>).
- <u>Type 2</u> pays college tuition and most fees up to \$15,000 and pays \$900 per year for books. Approximately 20 percent of our 4-year scholarship winners will be offered a Type-2 scholarship (mostly in technical fields). If a student attends an institution where the tuition exceeds \$15,000 per year, then he/she pays the difference. All 3-year scholarships are Type 2.
- **Type 7** pays full college tuition, fees and \$900 per year for books, but the student MUST attend a college/university where the tuition is less than \$9,000 per year, OR a public college/university in which the student qualifies for the in-state tuition rate.

If a student receives a Type-7 offer but wishes to attend a college/university where they do not qualify under the guidelines above, the student can convert the 4-Year Type-7 scholarship to a 3-Year Type-2 scholarship. You cannot activate a Type-7 scholarship at a non-qualifying school and pay the difference.

Living Expenses

Upon activation, all scholarship cadets receive a nontaxable monthly allowance (stipend) during the academic year. Currently, the monthly stipend is \$300 for freshmen, \$350 for sophomores, \$450 for juniors and \$500 for seniors.

Other Details

All 4-year scholarships activate in the fall of your freshman year. All 3-year scholarships activate in the fall of your sophomore year. All 3-year scholarship designees must complete AFROTC training during their freshman year in order to retain eligibility to activate their scholarships at the start of their sophomore year.

Travel Expenses

All high school scholarship winners are authorized travel pay from your home to your Air Force ROTC **<u>detachment</u>**. You will receive reimbursement approximately 30 days after the start of school.

PROCESS DESCRIPTION

The scholarship application process consists of several steps:

- 1. Submit your online application » by December 1, 2008
- 2. After you complete the online application, you will receive a confirmation email that will provide information on how to download and complete the following forms:

1. Counselor Certification

- 2. Personal Statement
- 3. Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)

4. Resume

3. Have your high school transcripts with raised seal or signature and your SAT or ACT scores (AFROTC test code 0548) sent to us.

Information for Steps 2 and 3 must be postmarked not later than January 10, 2009

- 4. When you've completed all the steps above and are found to have met our qualifications, we will contact you to conduct an interview with an Air Force officer.
- 5. A selection board will evaluate your record and interview report and determine whether to offer you a scholarship.
- 6. If you receive a scholarship offer and decide to accept it, you'll need to complete a <u>medical exam</u>, meet our <u>physical requirements</u>, pass the <u>Physical</u> <u>Fitness Test (PFT)</u> and the <u>Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOOT)</u>. If you don't receive a scholarship offer, you can still take Air Force ROTC classes your freshman year at college and apply for one of our <u>In-College Scholarships</u>.

Important Note:

Students who choose to apply for an AFROTC scholarship and admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy must complete separate applications for each institution.

HOMESCHOOLED INFO

For information about homeschooled scholarship applications, click here ».

PROCESS TIPS

- 1. Apply early...here's why:
- You will be prepared to accept any scholarship major Air Force ROTC offers.
- You will have time to resolve any problem with your application after you have sent it to us.
- If you already have an Air Force ROTC scholarship, many colleges and universities offer additional financial incentives for top students who apply and are admitted before January of their senior year in high school.
- 2. Contact your admissions representative early on and then stay in touch with them throughout the process. They are there to help you.
- 3. Take the ACT and/or SAT early and often to raise your test scores. Cut off for scores is no later than Dec 31 2008.
- 4. Periodically check on the status of your **application online** ».
- 5. Prepare for the interview. It's important. Practice with your friends, parents or teachers. Bring a copy of your **one page** resume.
- 6. Be patient.
- 7. Make copies of everything including the confirmation receipt of your online application, and keep them for your records.
- **8.**Don't get discouraged if you aren't offered a scholarship. Air Force ROTC also offers excellent in-college scholarship opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

DEADLINE

To **apply** for an Air Force ROTC scholarship, you must have your application submitted online by midnight December 1, 2008.

The following paragraphs describe eligibility requirements for scholarship applicants:

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

You must complete the **Physical Fitness Assessment** (PFA), and submit the Letter of Certification before you can become eligible for the scholarship interview. **Click here >** to find out more.

If you are *offered* an Air Force ROTC scholarship, you must pass the **Physical Fitness Test** (PFT) prior to the end of your first semester of college.

Click here » to find out more.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

We measure your academic performance using an Academic Composite. This is a measure of your academic performance based on a combination of your SAT and/or ACT scores (no mixing allowed), class rank, GPA, and the number of advanced placement or honors courses you have completed through grade 11.

Don't wait until you get grade 12 courses – they are not counted in the composite. The following table provides some information to indicate whether or not you think you'll be academically competitive for an AFROTC scholarship offer.

Mid-Range Applicant Scores*	Mid-Range Eligibility Scores**	Average Scores of Recipients †
Class Rank Top 25%	Class Rank Top 19%	Class Rank Top 12%
GPA 3.46	GPA 3.59	GPA 3.77
SAT 1170 ⁺⁺	SAT 1260 ⁺⁺	SAT 1260 ^{††}
ACT 27	ACT 27	ACT 27

* Average scores of the middle half of AFROTC applicants for 2008

* Average scores of the middle half of AFROTC eligible candidates for 2008

Average scores all AFROTC scholarship recipients for 2008

⁺⁺ Math and Verbal portion only

Normally to be eligible for scholarship consideration, you should achieve an SAT composite of 1100 (Math and Verbal portion only) or ACT composite of 24, attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have a class ranking in the top 40%.

The majority of scholarship recipients have also completed some advanced placement and honors courses. If you do not meet the minimum academic requirements noted above, you could still apply if you have other outstanding leadership credentials you feel merit consideration by AFROTC for scholarship – be sure to include these credentials in your application.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

Once you meet the academic and general requirements, you're considered an eligible applicant. You'll be contacted by the nearest Air Force **unit** for a personal interview. To remain eligible, you need to either keep this appointment or make alternate arrangements. During this interview, your height and weight will be measured.

To be eligible for the scholarship interview, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a United States citizen or able to obtain citizenship by the last day of the first term of your freshman year for 4-year offers or the first term of your sophomore year for 3-year offers. Activation cannot occur prior to obtaining citizenship.
- Graduate from a high school or have an equivalent certificate.
- Be 17 years old prior to scholarship activation.
- Be under 31 years old as of December 31 of the year you will <u>commission</u>.
- Prior to the fall academic term 2009, you cannot be enrolled full-time at a college or a university except for joint high school college programs.
- If you are the sole provider for another person (e.g., single parent, guardian for younger sibling, etc.), please contact the nearest Air Force ROTC **<u>detachment</u>** admissions representative for dependent care plan information.

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS

Air Force ROTC will contact you periodically on your status and you can also track your **application status online** ». It's critical your current mailing address, email address and telephone number are available and accurate. Notify the High School Scholarship Section in writing for changes to your name, Social Security Number, address or telephone number.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

Applying for an Air Force ROTC scholarship doesn't obligate you in any way. As a scholarship recipient though, you obligate yourself when you sign an agreement with the United States Air Force. If you're under legal age in the state where the school is located, your parent or legal guardian signs this agreement. You'll agree to:

- Enroll in the academic major in which the scholarship is offered.
- Enlist in the Air Force Reserve and enroll in Air Force ROTC beginning with the 2009 fall term.
- Satisfactorily complete a four-week summer <u>Field-Training</u> course at an Air Force base (normally scheduled between your sophomore and junior years).
- Complete the Air Force ROTC <u>Professional Officer Course</u>.
- Accept a commission as an Air Force officer.
- Serve at least four years on active duty.

CONTACT ROTC SCHOLARSHIP BOARD AT:

Contact the Air Force ROTC High School Scholarship Selection Section at: High School Scholarship Section 551 East Maxwell Blvd Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6106

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Your local Air Force Recruiter is MSgt Dan Allen at (229)257-4901