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UMA's Exit Point Pathways

Utah Military Academy cares about what happens to our cadets even after they exit high school and enter the adult world. Whether their aspiration is to serve in the military, attend college, or begin a career, UMA desires to lend help and support. To this end, UMA has developed Exit Point Pathways.

Throughout a cadet's high school career, UMA endeavors to help our cadets with the necessary skills and abilities to attain their post high school goals and dreams. Each cadet is encouraged to speak with UMA's Commandant of Cadets or one of their school counselors about their post high school goals. This ensures that the cadet will have a supportive team. Some cadets have no idea what they want to pursue after high school, some will change their mind often throughout their high school year, and others know exactly what goals they want to pursue. It is the responsibility of the cadet to email or speak with one of their support team often to keep them informed of their progress.

This booklet was put together as a resource for cadets and their parents to help inform them of the many opportunities post high school graduation. UMA encourages each cadet to look through this booklet, speak with their parents, and make a plan for their life. As a cadet works toward goals and dreams, it can make for a more fulfilling and enriching high school experience.

UMA has four main Exit Point Pathways:

1. Career & Technical
2. College
3. Military Enlistment
4. Military Officer: Service Academies or ROTC.

UMA looks forward to working with each and every cadet on their Exit Point Pathway throughout their years at UMA. UMA's vision is to prepare cadets as leaders to thrive in any competitive environment upon graduation, with a focus on entrance into the military academies, ROTC scholarship programs in colleges and universities, or other technically challenging opportunities related to the military culture. All of these options result in maximizing cadets' lifelong potential. All UMA Cadets pledge to follow UMA dress and grooming guidelines, to speak and act respectfully, and to strive to live by the Air Force Core Values: **(1) Integrity, (2) Service, and (3) Excellence in all we do.**



UMA Career & Technical Pathway



Focusing on all Vocational and Technical career paths.

Cadet who have an interest or desire to begin working in a vocational or technical career after high school will benefit from following the advice in this pathway.

Solid Academics: better grades equal better opportunities; taking a variety of high school classes can help assist cadets in discovering which tech or vocational career they are most interest in or best suited for.

Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and the practice American College Testing (ACT): take during junior year; this can give the cadet some idea on how well they will score on the ACT/SAT and whether or not they might be more suited to a college or Service Academy degree.

ACT/SAT: cadets should take, at minimum, the free ACT offered through the State of Utah which is administered at UMA during their junior year.

ASVAB: this is a military vocational test, given at least annually for free at UMA campuses. This test is a great resource to help cadet's gauge which areas they excel in

and which areas they do not, for example if a cadet wants to go into a technical degree that deals in mechanics and scores very low on this area of the ASVAB they may want to reassess their plan.

Applied Technology College Visit: UMA encourages cadets to call and make scheduled visits to as many applied technology colleges as possible within their geographic area. The more information and exposure cadets have in available vocational/tech/careers the better long term decisions cadets can make.

Internships: cadets are encouraged to find internship opportunities in the tech/career field of their choice, hands on experience during high school can help the cadet determine if this is indeed a career they are interested in and will do well at long before they spend the time and money in pursuing that career.

Job site visits/shadow for a day: exposure to different careers can help cadets make a more informed decision; may broaden their horizon and peak their interest in careers they had not yet considered.

Law Enforcement/Fire/Medical partnerships: local opportunities for cadets to participate in these careers while in high school.

Career Planning Resources:

There are online resources which can help you figure out what type of career you would like to pursue for your future.

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

My Next Move: <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

Utah Futures: <https://utahfutures.org/>

Technical College Resources

Technical colleges offer specialized training in a specific career field, trade, or profession, including computer technology, business administration, culinary arts, electronics, medical assisting, legal assisting, automotive technology, and cosmetology. Programs at technical colleges can take anywhere from less than two years up to four years to complete and typically award a certificate, diploma, or associate's degree. Associate's degree options include an Associate of Arts, an Associate of Science, and an Associate of Applied Science.

Technical colleges are a very affordable way to receive training. If a student wishes to attend a technical college during high school they often can do so tuition free, although some class and book fees may still apply.

Following is a list of the technical colleges found in the state of Utah along with their corresponding city.

Logan: Bridgerland Technical College: 1301 N 600 W Logan, UT 84321; phone 435-753-6780; website: <https://btech.edu/>

Ogden: Ogden Weber Technical College: 200 North Washing Blvd Ogden, UT 84404; phone 801-627-8300; website: <https://www.otech.edu/>

Kaysville: Davis Technical College: 550 E 300 S Kaysville , UT 84037; phone 801-593-2500; website: <http://www.davistech.edu/>

Lehi/Orem/Spanish Fork: Mountainland Technical College: 2301 W Ashton Blvd Lehi, UT 84043; 1410 W 1250 S, Orem, UT 84058; 693 W 1210 S St, Spanish Fork, UT 84660; phone 801-753-6282; website: <https://mtec.edu/>

Tooele: Tooele Technical College: 88 S Tooele Blvd Tooele, UT 84074; phone 435-248-1800; website: <https://tooeletech.edu/>

Cedar City: Southwest Technical College: 757 West 800 S Cedar City, UT 84720; phone 435-586-2899; website: <https://stech.edu/>

St. George: Dixie Technical College 1506 S Silicon Way St. George, UT 84770; phone 435-674-8400; website: <https://www.dixietech.edu>

Vernal: Uintah Basin Technical College: 450 N 2000 W Vernal, UT 84078; phone 435-725-7100; website: <https://www.ubtech.edu/>

*Visit tech school websites or speak with your school counselor for information on technical degrees you can earn while a high school student at UMA.



UMA College Pathway



Focusing on helping Cadets who wish to pursue a college education either in conjunction with high school or post-high school graduation. All cadets, regardless of post-high school plans, will benefit from following the advice in this section.

Academics/classes: cadets should be taking the classes which the college they are interested in requires, i.e. some colleges require 2 years of foreign language; some require 2 lab sciences such as Chemistry and Physics; etc.

Grades: Cadets who desire to apply for college scholarships should strive to earn the highest grades possible. Cadets who have F's on their report card should speak with a school counselor about Original Credit Replacement rather than Credit Recovery for those courses.

PSAT/practice ACT: Cadets in their sophomore and junior year should take the PSAT and/or practice ACT test, generally available in the fall; this will help cadets know what areas they excel in and what areas they need more work in without the expense of the regular test.

ACT/SAT: Cadets who desire to apply for college scholarships must take the ACT and/or SAT test. These are national standardized tests used by all colleges and universities to determine admissions as well as academic scholarships. The state of Utah provides one free ACT test during the middle of the Junior year. However, cadets who desire to earn scholarships should begin taking the Act or the SAT by the end of their sophomore year. Consider taking prep classes either online or through community resources. The higher these scores the better scholarships earned. Cadets can register for the ACT online at ACT.org. Cadets can register for the SAT through CollegeBoard.org. Cadets should look at the admissions requirements for the colleges they are interested in attending in order to fulfill all requirements.

Cadets are building a resume throughout their high school years. Colleges are looking for well-rounded students who not only have strong academics but are also involved in the following areas: Service; Sports; clubs; and leadership. Besides being involved in JROTC, cadets should strive to be involved in National Honor Society, community activities such as their local city youth government programs, Boy/Girl scouts, church, etc.

UMA holds one Academy & College Scholarship Night per year. In addition, our school counselors strive to bring in representatives from colleges and ROTC programs throughout the year, but especially in the fall when college and scholarship applications are in full-swing. Cadets should attend as many of these events as possible.

Cadets should begin researching many colleges and universities to determine eligibility requirements, scholarship requirements, academic requirements, etc. as early in their high school years as possible. This will ensure that when it is time to apply they are a competitive candidate.

Cadets should visit or tour local colleges as well as other colleges of their choice, depending upon time and financial restraints. Being on campus can help a cadet decide if that is the college for them. If a physical visit to the college is not possible, cadets should visit the college website and learn as much as they can about the college, including offered courses of study, tuition costs, food and housing availability and cost, etc.

Resources for College Scholarships and Financial Aid

The UMA Counselors have put together a resource page called Counseling Corner which has invaluable information to help cadets with the process of applying for scholarships. On the internet, go to UtahMilitaryAcademy.org; along the top banner, click on Counseling Corner, then click on Meet Your Counselors; along the top banner click on Scholarship Resources. https://sites.google.com/utahmilitaryacademy.org/counseling_dept/scholarship-resources

Almost all colleges and universities require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completed by each applicant. UMA holds a FAFSA night every fall. At this event, senior cadets and their parents can get help filling out the FAFSA form. FAFSA is used by colleges to determine financial aid as well as scholarships based on the student's economic needs.



U M A Enlistment Pathway



In addition to courses required to earn a UMA high school diploma, cadets who have a desire to enlist in any branch of the military should focus on taking courses which will give them training for their future military jobs of interest.

Strong academics and grades will benefit cadets who enlist as they progress throughout their career in the military. All enlistees must have a High School diploma.

ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is required for enlistment into any branch of the military. Cadets are encouraged to practice for this test by using the Army's online website march2success.com. ASVAB scores are valid for two years. Once a cadet has earned the score they need for the job they are interested in-DO NOT TAKE the TEST AGAIN-the military uses the most recent ASVAB score, not the highest. UMA provides one ASVAB test each year, generally during the month of November.

JROTC participation: JROTC participation is required for all cadets at UMA. Cadets who participate a minimum of 3 years are benefited when they enlist with a higher rank upon enlistment. Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Guard, Air Force Reserves, active duty Navy, and Navy Reserves

will enlist at the rank of E3 with a 3 or 4 year JROTC participation certificate. Active Duty Army, Army Guard, Army Reserves, active duty Marine Corps, and Marine Corps reserves will enlist at the rank of E2 with a 3 or 4 year JROTC participation certificate.

Recruiter visits: UMA encourages cadets to visit recruiters from each branch of service in order to make the best decision for themselves. Study each branch and the jobs offered before speaking with a recruiter (cadets and their parents can find a wealth of information from UMA as well as on the internet). Take questions to the recruiter and get promises in writing.

Medical/Weight Standards/Physical Fitness: each branch of the military requires all candidates to pass medical, weight, and Physical fitness standards. Cadets need to be aware of military physical requirements and weight standards as well as medical requirements. If a cadet is taking medication or has been diagnosed with a chronic medical condition, UMA encourages these cadets to consult with their regular medical provider to make sure the medication or condition does not affect enlistment. The enlistment process includes the following: Once a candidate has gone through initial questioning phases with their recruiter and has discussed their options, their recruiter will set an appointment for them to go to the nearest MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) and take them there. The candidate will take the ASVAB (if necessary), have a physical, and (if they pass) - choose their job and swear in. Everything together should take 2 days,

though there are some situations that may make things shorter or longer.

Legal Record: it is very important for cadets to obey the law and keep their legal record clear. This becomes even more important once they turn 18 and are legal adults.

Base tours: UMA encourages cadets to take tours of local military bases: Hill Field and Camp Williams, if possible. UMA also encourages tours to the Utah State Capitol to give a better appreciation for the sacrifices they will be making as military enlistees.

ACT/SAT: The ACT or SAT standardized tests are NOT required for enlisting in the military. However, it is still a good idea to take them at least once. The state of Utah pays for all students to take the ACT one time for free during their junior year. This test is given at UMA on a national test day chosen by the ACT company (this is generally in February). UMA encourages all cadets to take the ACT or SAT test more than once. Taking these tests can be helpful for UMA to enable us to direct highly qualified cadets to the Academy or College track.

Cadets who desire to enlist in any branch of the military should begin preparing as early as possible both mentally and physically for the rigors of Basic Training and service in the military.

Military Enlistment Resources

Recruiters from each branch of the military are assigned by their respective branches to serve UMA's cadets. Please see UMA's Commandant of Cadets for the contact information for each recruiter. Additionally, online information can be found by searching the internet (just make sure you are getting your information from a reputable source/website) or from the following links, including information on commissioning as an officer, applying to the Service Academies as members of the respective military branches, etc.

Active Duty Air Force:

<https://www.airforce.com/>

<https://www.airforce.com/how-to-join/process/enlisted>

Utah Air National Guard:

<https://www.goang.com/>

<https://www.goang.com/how-to-join/process.html>

Air Force Reserves:

<https://afreserve.com/>

<https://afreserve.com/how-to-join>

Active Duty Army:

<https://goarmy.com>

<https://www.goarmy.com/learn.html>

Army National Guard:

<https://www.nationalguard.com/>

<https://www.nationalguard.com/how-to-join>

Army Reserves:

<https://www.goarmy.com/reserve.html>

<https://www.goarmy.com/about/serving-in-the-army/serve-your-way/army-reserve.html>

Coast Guard:

<https://www.uscg.mil/>

<https://www.uscg.mil/Join/>

<https://www.gocoastguard.com/>

Commissioning Routes for the US Coast Guard:

<https://www.gocoastguard.com/active-duty-careers/officer-opportunities/programs>



U M A Military Officer-Service Academy & ROTC Pathway



SERVICE ACADEMY PATHWAY:

There are five Military Service Academies: Air Force, located in Colorado, Coast Guard located in Connecticut, Merchant Marines located in New York, Navy located in Maryland and the United States Military Academy-West Point located in New York.

Cadets who are interested in applying to one of the five Service Academies should be working toward this goal beginning as early as possible, preferably in the ninth grade. Academies look at 4 main areas: academics, athletics, leadership, and service.

Academics:

- Work hard to earn top grades, strive for A's. Cadets with D's and/or F's should meet with a school counselor as soon as possible to discuss options for retaking those courses for original credit.
- ACT/SAT national standardized tests: Cadets should take at least one ACT and one SAT by the

middle of their junior year in order to determine which test they perform best on. Cadets should strive to take at least 6 of either the ACT or SAT test by the beginning of their senior year. All Academies super score, which means they take the best individual section scores across all ACT/SAT tests taken and average those score to create a super score composite ACT/SAT score. Therefore, it benefits a cadet to take these tests more than once.

- **Classes/Courses:** Cadets should strive to take AP and/or CE courses beginning early as possible in their high school career. Cadets need to make sure to take the classes which the Academy of their choice requires. For example, West Point requires 2 years of foreign language; Navy requires 2 lab sciences such as Chemistry and Physics; etc. Cadet should research their preferred academy requirements and counsel with school counselors and their commandant of cadets.
- **Academy/Scholarship Nights:** UMA holds an annual Academy/Scholarship Night with representatives from each academy and senator/congressional nomination sources. In addition, Cadets will benefit from attending West Point briefings held at each year in the Salt Lake area. These events are full of important information regarding what is required to be considered a competitive candidate.

Athletics:

- All Cadets at Service Academies are required to participate in sports or physical fitness of some type. Competitive applicants have one or more varsity athletic letters and have been captain of one or more athletic teams. Get involved in as many UMA or Club athletic teams as you can balance. One of the best teams to be part of is the Cross Country and/or Track teams as they are a fantastic way to get into shape and require the least amount of time commitment
- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA): All applicants are required to perform a CFA and earn at least minimum scores or higher. Cadets should begin practicing for this test which includes a basketball throw, pull-ups, shuttle run, modified sit-ups, push-ups, and a 1 mile run. Cadets should begin practicing for the CFA as soon as possible. You can see what is required and the proper form to perform the different parts of the test at this link: https://photos.state.gov/libraries/kazakhstan/19452/pdfs/CFA_Instructions.pdf

Service, Sports, Clubs, and Leadership: competitive applicants have strong high school resumes which demonstrate that they are well rounded and well balanced. Strong applications include, but are not limited to, leadership camps and conferences such as Freedom Foundations Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge, Boys/Girls State, Summer Leaders Seminar at Air Force, West Point, or Naval Academy; JRTOC participation and leadership; Student

Body Government; HOPE Squad; National Honor Society; Year book staff; Band/Choir; UMA TEAM activities; clubs such as debate and chess; community activities such as city youth government programs, Boy/Girl scouts, etc.; and church participation and service.

Other Important Information to consider:

Academy Tour: Depending on individual family circumstances, it can be beneficial for the cadet and their parent/guardian to tour one of the service academies. If cadets are competitive enough candidates, the academy to which they are applying may extend an offer for a candidate visit. The transportation to and from these visits is the responsibility of the cadet and/or their family.

Summer Leader's: Apply for, and attend if accepted, one of the Summer Leader's Experiences offered at Air Force, Navy, or West Point academies. These leadership experiences give students the opportunity to experience life on the academy campus firsthand. Specially designed for high school juniors heading into their senior year, Summer Leadership seminars allow participants to live like a Service Academy cadet for one week.

Legal Record: cadets should make good friends and make good choices so that they avoid having a legal record; keeping themselves free and clear of Juvenile detention or court proceedings (i.e. shoplifting, sneaking into movies, illegal drug use, etc.). Once a cadet turns 18 this becomes even more crucial as the cadet is considered an adult and legal infractions can keep the cadet from receiving an

appointment to a Service Academy, or losing one if they were awarded one before the infraction.

Medical/Weight Standards: cadets should be aware of military weight standards, as well as allowed prescribed medicines versus disqualifying ones, how doctor visits, including but not limited to past surgeries, injuries, allergies, can affect their application. All those who apply to a service academy or for an ROTC scholarship must pass a DoDMerb medical exam (Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board). Cadets should strive to take excellent care of their health and well-being, especially in preparation for the DoDMerb exam and Academy expectations.

General Academy Admissions Requirements:

- Be at least 17 years old and not have passed 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year entering the academy.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be unmarried and have no dependents.
- Meet specific medical standards for a commission in the Air Force.

Congressional Nominations:

It is a two-step process to apply to four of the five service academies. Air Force, Army, Merchant Marines and Navy. These academies all require candidates to receive at least one congressional nomination. Coast Guard is the only academy which does not require a nomination. Therefore, interested cadets must apply to both the academy of their

choice as well as all possible nomination sources. To apply for a nomination from your local congress person, visit <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>. Go to your congressperson's website and find their service academy nomination information. Apply early and make sure to get all application items turned in before the deadline.

To apply for a nomination through both Utah senators visit <http://www.senate.gov/states/UT/intro.htm>. Go to the senators' websites and find their service academy nomination information. Apply early and make sure to get all application items turned in before the deadline.

Apply to all nomination sources for which you may qualify such as military dependent, JROTC, and soldier nominations.

Academy applications begin opening during the spring of the junior year with most of them being open by July 1 of the summer between the junior and senior year. Each academy has its own deadline, therefore, it is vital for cadets to make sure to keep on top of their application, getting items completed early. Appointments to academies begin being sent out the first part of March, with final appointments generally being sent out by the middle of May.

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) **PATHWAY:**

The ROTC's goal is to train college students for future service as an officer in the Army, Air Force, and Navy. Each of these branches has their own ROTC program. For qualifying students, the ROTC programs offer scholarships that can cover the cost of their education. In exchange, there is an expectation that students fulfill active duty services in their chosen branch of the Armed Forces.

Why Join an ROTC Program?

Those interested in joining a branch of the ROTC should be:

- Dedicated to the program and their country
- Driven to succeed no matter what obstacles they face
- Disciplined enough to reach their goals

ROTC programs offer prospective and current college students a number of benefits, including:

- An opportunity to develop technical and leadership skills
- A structured path to a career after college
- Specialized professional training for military officer positions after college
- Scholarships that cover tuition, fees, books, and other student necessities
- Long-term career guidance and continued professional education

It is important to remember that ROTC scholarships provide these benefits in exchange for

mandatory active duty service after you complete your bachelor's program. So you should carefully examine these commitments, along with your other future goals, before accepting a scholarship or entering a program. Academic advisors and ROTC recruiters can answer your questions so you can make a more informed decision.

Academic advisors are able to help you determine if your planned major will be affected by your involvement with the ROTC program. An ROTC recruiter will be able to answer all of your questions on the rigors of the program. They will be able to provide more information on the scholarships available and the time you will need to commit to the program in order to meet their requirements. You should consider contacting the ROTC officer at the college of your interest and scheduling an appointment with them to talk about the college and the ROTC Corp of Cadets.

How Does the ROTC Program Work?

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: The Utah Military Academies are 4 year JROTC programs for 9-12th grade. High school students interested in college ROTC should begin researching prospective ROTC programs early. Scholarship applications typically open the spring of the junior year in high school. Make sure to check the respective websites often for the opening of the ROTC scholarship. Keep in mind that participation in a high school JROTC program does not lock a cadet into that specific branch of the military either in college or enlistment.

Types of ROTC Programs

	ARMY	NAVY & MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
AVAILABILITY	1,100 campus programs	153 campus programs	1,100 campus programs
EXAMPLE TRAINING TOPICS	Army leadership, military tactics, principles of war, and combat survival training	Summer cruise training, surface warfare orientation, flight time on navy aircraft, and maritime self-defense	Laws of armed conflict, international security, aerospace studies, and field training
SERVICE OBLIGATIONS	3-8 years, depending on scholarship acceptance	Between 3-12 years of active military service, depending on scholarship acceptance and degree level	Between 4-10 years of active duty, depending on contract cadet appointment
EXAMPLE CAREER SPECIALTIES	Infantry, Military Intelligence, Civil Affairs, Medical Corps	Submarine, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, US Marine Corps, Navy Nursing Corps	Air Battle Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Cyberspace Operations, Piloting, and Tactical Air Control

COLLEGE STUDENTS

	ARMY	NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
PHYSICAL FITNESS	Scholarship cadets must pass an Army Physical Fitness Test with a minimum of 180 points	Pass the Applicant Fitness Assessment (AFA) before enrolling in this ROTC program	Scholarship cadets must score at least 75 points on the Physical Fitness Test twice a year. Non-scholarship cadets must take the test, but do not need to pass.
ACADEMICS	Complete one Army ROTC elective and lab each semester	Complete required calculus, physics, English, national security, cultural studies, and naval science courses. Attend Summer Cruise Training.	Must not receive below a C- grade in aerospace courses, pass Leadership Labs, and complete the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT) during your junior year.
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS	Drug use is not tolerated. Legal alcohol consumption is permitted according to legal age laws.	Previous history disqualifies applicants. No drug use is permitted. Legal alcohol consumption is permitted while off duty. NRTOC members are subject to periodic urinalysis tests.	No drug use permitted. Limited legal alcohol consumption is permitted according to legal age laws. No alcohols is permitted in Field Training, Professional Development Training, and Leadership labs.

Initial acceptance into an ROTC program does not guarantee continued scholarship benefits. Students must adhere to strict academic standards in order to receive continued funding throughout their degree programs. Each military branch has its own rules and regulations regarding a cadets course balance, major selection, and grade minimums. Generally, the AROTC has the least stringent scholarship programs, providing students with the freedom to explore nearly any major and take two ROTC courses of their choosing each semester. The NROTC and AFROTC are more selective about funding majors in specific fields. These military branches tend to prioritize scholarships for students exploring STEM majors or foreign languages.

Disenrollment Repercussions

Once you accept an ROTC scholarship, you are legally required to serve in the military for a specific number of years, as defined by your scholarships, degree program, and career path. Before you sign this contract, it is extremely important you take time to think about how military service fits into your life and future goals, and whether it's a long-term commitment you are willing to take on and see through. If you fail to fulfill your ROTC academic program or active duty commitment, you could face ROTC disenrollment. If you fail to perform your active service duties, you could face serious repercussions. U.S. Code Title 10 Section 2005 explains that dis-enrolled students may be held to additional active duty order determinations and repayment of ROTC financial assistance.

MILITARY SERVICE COMMITMENTS

Once you obtain your undergraduate degree, your period of military service begins. ROTC prepares you to start at the officer level, so that you do not have to work your way up through entry-level military positions. AROTC graduates start active duty as Second Lieutenants, while NROTC graduates become Navy Ensigns or Marine Corps Second Lieutenants. AFROTC graduates also begin their service as Second Lieutenants. Many students confuse active duty obligations with an actual long-term career in the military. However, once you complete your military service commitments, you have the option of leaving the military to explore other career options. Also, select AROTC graduates have the option of pursuing outside career options right after graduation while fulfilling their service commitments with the Army

Reserve instead. Keep in mind that reserve members may be shifted into active duty based on the needs of the military branch.

AIR FORCE SCHOLARSHIPS:

<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/application>

- Type 1: Three to four years of full tuition, partial fee coverage, and book stipends are awarded to applicants who enroll in scientific or technical degree programs at participating AFROTC schools.

Deadline: December 1 annually.

Application Requirements: Minimum combined SAT score of 1180 or ACT score of 26. Minimum cumulative GPA of

3.0. Complete a scholarship interview. Complete the Physical Fitness Assessment.

Service Commitment: Serve at least four years of active duty. Attend summer training. Complete required Air Force General Military and Professional Officer Courses.

- Type 2: Three to four years of book stipends, fee coverage, and tuition with a cap of \$18,000 a year are awarded to students at participating AFROTC schools. Deadline: December 1 annually.

Application Requirements: See Type 1 requirements listed above.

Service Commitment: See Type 1 commitments listed above

- Type 7: Three to four years of book stipends and tuition awards capped at your college's in-state rate are offered to students attending participating AFROTC schools. Deadline: December 1 annually.

Application Requirements: See Type 1 requirements listed above.

Service Commitment: See Type 1 commitments listed above.

ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS:

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

- Four-Year Scholarship: Full tuition, book allowance, and a monthly stipend are offered to current high school students who intend to enroll in a four-year degree program at a participating AROTC college.

Deadline: All applications must be received no later than January 10th of your senior year in high school.
Application Requirements: You must be a US citizen between the ages of 17 and 26. Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50. Receive a high school diploma or pass a high school equivalency test. Minimum of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT. Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Service Commitment: A total of eight years split between the Army and the Individual Ready Reserve.

- Three-Year Scholarship: Full tuition, book allowance, and a monthly stipend for current college students who still have three years to complete their degree programs at participating AROTC colleges.

Deadline: Speak to a recruiting officer for timeframes
Application Requirements: See the four-year scholarship requirements listed above.

Service Commitment: Four years of full-time service.

- Two-Year Scholarship: Full tuition, fee coverage, book allowance, and a monthly stipend for current college students who still have two years to complete their degree programs at participating AROTC colleges.

Deadline: Unpublished; speak to a recruiting officer for timeframes.

Application Requirements: See the four-year scholarship requirements listed above.

Service Commitment: Four years of full-time service

NAVY / MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS:

<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html>

- **Four-Year Scholarship:** Full tuition, partial fee coverage, \$750 book stipend, uniforms, and subsistence allowances are provided to students enrolling in a four-year degree program at participating NROTC colleges.

Deadline: Students should begin the application process during their junior year of high school. The deadlines are at the end of January for the school year you are applying for. Contact a Navy recruiter for complete timeframes.

Application Requirements: Navy and Nursing Select a Tier 1-3 college major. Receive minimum scores of 520 Math and 530 Verbal on the SAT and 21 Math and 22 English on the ACT. Marine Corps Pass the Marine Corps physical fitness test. Minimum combined score of 1000 on the SAT and a minimum combined score of 22 on the ACT. Minimum Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) score of 74.

Service Commitment: A minimum of five years for most applicants, 12 years for medical or dental school students. At least four years for Marine Corps or Navy Nurse Corps scholarships.

- **Two- or Three-Year Scholarships:** Full tuition, partial fee coverage, \$750 book stipend, uniforms, and subsistence allowances provided to students for the remainder of their bachelor's program at a participating NROTC college.

Deadline: Speak with a Navy recruiter for precise deadlines. Applications are generally due at the end of January during the year you wish to enroll.

Application Requirements: Meet the basic requirements of the four-year NROTC scholarship (listed above). Minimum

cumulative college GPA of 2.5. Must have already earned between 30 and 90 semester hours.

Service Commitment: Minimum of five years for most applicants and 12 years for medical or dental school students. At least four years for Marine Corps or Navy Nurse Corps scholarships

Is the ROTC Right for Me? JROTC and ROTC programs can provide teenagers and adults with excellent ways to jumpstart their careers. Some of the benefits of these programs include extensive academic funding, specialized military training, leadership development, fitness maintenance, professional development and team-driven experiences. However, students must agree to long-term service commitments with military branches, which range from 3 to 12 years, depending on scholarship acceptance, career choices, and the types of degrees you pursue. When it comes to the ROTC, you are essentially deciding whether or not you'll devote a significant portion of your early adult life to military service and goals.

Pursuing a ROTC scholarship or training program comes with a legally binding contract that obligates you to fulfill the requirements of active duty service upon graduation or dropping out of the ROTC program. Think about this decision very carefully, ask questions, discuss your plans with your family, and weigh your options with academic advisors. ROTC programs are not for everyone, but those who have the dedication, drive, and discipline to make it to graduation will benefit from a stable route through college, diverse career opportunities, and a military service experience certain to impact them for the rest of their lives.

Applying for an ROTC Scholarship is a two-step process:

1. Apply for ROTC scholarship through military branch of your choice. You may apply to as many branches as you desire.
2. Apply for college or university: make sure that the university or college has the ROTC program you are interested in, or that they allow you to cross-train with a partnering university/college. You may apply to as many colleges or universities you are interested in attending.

ROTC Programs and Scholarship Options available through the Utah National Guard:

• Campus Based Scholarship (3 and 4 year scholarships)

- Requirements: contract with ROTC; maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA (in college), Score a minimum of 19 on the ACT or 920 on the SAT, must graduate with a bachelor's degree by age 34.

- Benefits: Receive a monthly stipend (freshman-\$300; Sophomore-\$350, Junior-\$450, Senior-\$500). Scholarships-in state starting at \$3,331.77 (18 Credits) per semester maxing at \$9,566.80 (18 credits) per semester (2 semesters per year), OR room & board-\$5,000 (2 semesters per year), \$600 for books per semester.

- May opt OUT before start of 2nd year.

- Obligation after graduation-8 years, may be split between 4 years Active Duty and 4 years Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).

- **09R (join National Guard as a College ROTC Cadet)**

- Requirements: contract with ROTC, join and drill with National Guard as Cadet, maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA, no basic training or AIT required.

- Benefits: stipend per month (Sophomore-\$350, Junior-\$450, Senior-\$500); federal tuition assistance (\$2,250 per semester); Drill pay as E5 \$297 per month; two plus years GRFD (Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty), no kicker.

- **Dedicated Guard Scholarship (3 year)**

- Requirements: this option works with 09R Cadet program; 30 credits toward degree; maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA; must graduate by age of 34; agree to stay in National Guard (no Reserve option); STA (State Tuition Assistance); \$4,500 per year

- Benefits: \$5,000 room and board per semester; \$600 for books per semester

- Obligation after graduation: 8 years (may be 4 years Active Duty and 4 years Individual Ready Reserve (IRR))

- **Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)**

- Requirements: contract with ROTC; drilling member of National Guard; must have already completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT); 30 credits toward degree

- Benefits: Stipend per month ((Sophomore-\$350, Junior-\$450, Senior-\$500); federal tuition assistance (\$2,250 per semester); Federal Tuition Assistance \$2,250 per semester; plus, State Tuition Waiver; Drill pay as (E5)

\$297 per month; GI Bill \$362 per month; GI Bill Kicker \$350 per month; two plus years GRFD, no kicker

- **Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship, 2 or 3 years**

- Requirements: works with SMP program; 64 credits toward degree; must maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA; must graduate by age 34; agree to serve in National Guard or Reserves

- Benefits: \$5,000 room and board per semester; \$600 for books per semester

- Obligation after graduation: 8 years, may be 4 years Active Duty and 4 years Individual Ready Reserve (IRR); changes every Fall semester.