

GUIDE TO THE ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Students applying for an ARMY ROTC Scholarship, on line or by mailing in an application, must complete the following in order to be considered for a scholarship. All applicants must self report their high school Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), college board scores (SAT/ACT), age and U.S. citizenship before they are sent a letter of instruction regarding accomplishing a mandatory interview. Once you receive an interview letter in the mail from Cadet Command, you will have the option to interview at a local university ARMY ROTC program or you may choose to conduct your interview at one of the schools you have decided you are interested in attending. When you attend your interview, you must provide your interviewer with a statement of your height and weight. These measures must be taken in street clothes and without shoes. You should take a copy of your the Presidential Fitness Test or the Army Physical Fitness Test results and an official copy of your high school transcript to the interview. Your interviewer will assess your potential as an Army officer. The interviewer will assign up to 200 points to you based upon the results of the interview. Each student can achieve 1000 Whole Person points during the interview evaluation process. Your 1000 point Whole Person score is a merit based score made up of: 1) 250 points for your ACT/SAT score; 2) 200 points for your scholar/athlete/leader evaluation based upon your athletic, scholastic, and leadership achievements; 3) 200 points from your interview; and 3) 350 points are determined by the board of officers. Student's scores are then placed in an order of merit list (OML), in descending order, of their Whole Person point score.

Once you have completed your interview and provided verification of your information contained in the scholarship application; your personal information and interview will be evaluated by a board of Army officers. These officers will assemble monthly during a typical school year and will review scholarship prospects with completed applications and interviews at the time the board meets. These officers are generally Professor's of Military Science leading ARMY ROTC programs across the United States. The board of officers will create an order of OML, mentioned earlier, by rank ordering all the applicants based upon their total Whole Person score. It is possible that all applicants are qualified for an ARMY ROTC Scholarship on a particular board. Once the OML is compiled and based upon available scholarship funds, Cadet Command will determine how many scholarships will be offered for that scholarship board. Any applicants who are not offered a scholarship on that order of merit list will automatically be considered for a scholarship offer when the next board meets, usually the next month. If you are not selected for a scholarship early, do not become discouraged. The centralized scholarship process is designed so that a limited number of scholarships are awarded by each board. You will know you were selected for a scholarship during a particular month because you will receive a letter from Cadet Command which indicates you were selected. If you do not receive a letter, do not panic. You will receive a letter by mid May of your senior year, at the latest, if you are offered a scholarship.

Once you receive a letter from Cadet Command offering you a scholarship, you must respond to Cadet Command within 30 days of your decision to accept the offer and what school you will attend and/or accepted to. You can make this selection by e-mailing your acceptance form to attccps@usacc.army.mil or faxing the acceptance it to

757-788-4643. You may also mail your acceptance to the address listed in your scholarship offer letter. You may change your school of attendance among the schools on your offer letter until the 1 May deadline.

You must do the research on your selected universities of choice and their ROTC programs prior to electing which school to use your scholarship. This is very important. You must also complete the university admissions process separately from the Army ROTC scholarship process. ARMY ROTC scholarships may be awarded to students; but the offer is contingent upon your acceptance to the university. You must gain acceptance to the university. Always coordinate directly with the university admissions department in addition to your coordination with the ARMY ROTC Department. Additionally, you should ensure that the universities for which you indicated an interest actually offer the degree programs you have elected.

During the summer months you should strive to make sure you complete your Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB) medical examination and make sure you can pass an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Your scholarship is effective after you arrive on campus and pass the APFT and all DODMERB medical examination requirements.