

# High School Students and Counselors



## OVERVIEW

Air Force ROTC offers high school graduates 4- and 3- year scholarships through its High School Scholarship Program (HSSP).

- Type 1 – Pays full college tuition and most fees. Available only to students majoring in select technical fields. Approximately 5% of scholarship offers are Type 1
- Type 2 – Pays tuition and most fees up to \$18,000 per year. Open to students in any major. Approximately 25% of scholarship offers are Type 2
- Type 7 – Pays full tuition and fees but the student **MUST** attend a college/university where he/she qualifies for the in-state tuition rate. A Type 7 scholarship may be converted to a 3-year Type 2 Scholarship if the student wishes to attend an out of state or private college/university

All Air Force ROTC scholarship recipients and/or contracted\* cadets receive a nontaxable monthly stipend ranging from \$300 - \$500 and an annual textbook allowance of \$900.

## ACADEMIC MAJORS

Air Force ROTC scholarships are degree-specific. Students must major in the field in which they are awarded a scholarship. Approximately 70% of all scholarship offers are made in the following technical areas:

- Engineering – Aeronautical, astronautical, aerospace, architectural, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, and mechanical

- Scientific/Technical Fields – Architecture, computer science, mathematics, meteorology, physics, and chemistry

The remaining 30% of scholarship offers are made in all other fields, including business administration/management, biology, economics, political science, history, psychology, nursing, and foreign languages.

## BASIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen prior to scholarship application
- Graduate from high school
- Be age 17 before scholarship activation
- Be under age 31 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the student's commissioning year
- Never have been enrolled full-time in college, except for joint high school/college programs
- Cannot be a single parent (waiverable on a case-by-case basis)
- Meet appropriate physical fitness standards.
- College entrance examination – The student must take and receive the results of the ACT and/or SAT prior to December of his/her senior year<sup>†</sup>
- Academic Composite – A measure of the student's academic performance based upon his/her ACT or SAT scores, class rank, GPA, and number of advanced placement courses completed through 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**To be eligible for scholarship consideration, the student must achieve an SAT critical reading/math composite of 1100 or an ACT score of 24 and attain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 3.0.**

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

The scholarship cycle begins in the spring of the student's junior year and continues through December of his/her senior year. ***The scholarship application window's opening and closing dates vary from year to year and deadlines are posted each year at [www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com).***

## TO APPLY

Students apply for the HSSP online at [www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com). In addition to the online application, they are required to submit an official transcript, activities sheet, resume, personal statement, ACT/SAT scores, and an Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment. Once a student completes his/her application, he/she interviews with an Air Force officer. Scholarships are awarded based upon the student's application package and interview.<sup>‡</sup>

\* A contracted cadet is a cadet who has signed a contract with AFROTC. Scholarship cadets contract upon activating their scholarships. Non-scholarship cadets must be contracted in order to enter the AS300 level of AFROTC.

<sup>†</sup> Currently, AFROTC considers only scores from the critical reading and mathematics section of the SAT and does not require scores from the writing section of the ACT.

<sup>‡</sup> For more information, visit [www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com) or call toll-free at (866) 4-AFROTC (423-7682).