# **Information for Parents**



If your son or daughter is considering Air Force ROTC, you probably have questions and maybe even a few concerns. We hope that the following information will provide you with a basic understanding of AFROTC and the benefits and opportunities available through the program.

#### WHAT IS AFROTC?

AFROTC is a program that is available to students at over 1,000 colleges and universities across the country and that prepares young men and women to become active duty officers in the United States Air Force.

AFROTC is an extracurricular program that supplements, but does not replace, a student's college experience. Students enrolled in AFROTC are just like other college students. They can major in a field of study of their choice. They can live off campus or in the dorms. They can join a fraternity or sorority. They can participate in intercollegiate or intramural sports. The difference is in the extracurricular classes that they take and in the career that they will enter upon graduation.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

One of AFROTC's many benefits is the chance to earn a college scholarship. If your son or daughter is a senior in high school, he or she can apply for a four year scholarship. AFROTC also offers 3.5- and 3-year scholarships for students already in college.

All AFROTC scholarship recipients receive a nontaxable monthly stipend ranging from \$300 - \$500 and an annual textbook allowance of \$900.

#### A CAREER AFTER GRADUATION

Virtually every career that exists in the civilian world also exists in the Air Force. The Air Force has doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, financial managers – the list goes on and on.

A career will be waiting for your son or daughter upon graduation. With over 100 different officer career fields, the Air Force aims to place its new officers into careers based upon their talents, interests, and academic majors. Unlike in many jobs in the civilian world, they won't spend months or even years assisting or "paying dues." From day one they will lead airmen, oversee projects, and manage assets in the job for which they studied and trained.

Officers are leaders in the Air Force. They direct and manage the efforts of many to accomplish the mission. Because officers start in management-level careers, the financial rewards are significant. They receive compensation on par with and often exceeding comparable private sector jobs, along with low-cost life insurance, competitive retirement plans, and free medical insurance for themselves and their dependents.

# **SUCCESS FOR LIFE**

If your son or daughter chooses to separate from the Air Force and reenter the civilian work force after their four year active duty commitment, they will have gained the knowledge, confidence, and leadership skills to put them on the fast track to success. In fact, many companies prefer to hire prior military officers due to the leadership, management, and decision-making skills that they honed while on active duty.

## **CONTACT US**

Joining AFROTC is the first step that your son or daughter will take on the path to becoming an Air Force officer. Just as the benefits and opportunities are great, so is the responsibility and commitment and the decision to join should *not* be taken lightly. We hope that you'll talk with your son or daughter about this important decision. Please visit our website at <a href="www.afrotc.com">www.afrotc.com</a> and do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns at our toll-free number, (866) 4-AFROTC (423-7682).