



U.S. AIR FORCE JAG CORPS GRADUATE LAW PROGRAM FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

The Graduate Law Program (GLP) is designed for first year law students to participate in AFROTC for two years while in law school. The JAG Corps does not award any scholarships for participation in GLP. However, students successfully completing GLP are guaranteed a position in The Judge Advocate General's Corps.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all AFROTC standards and requirements, including U.S. citizenship, Air Force Officer Qualifying Test minimum scores, AFROTC fitness and medical standards, and be:

- (1) First year law school students in good academic standing;
- (2) Attending an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school that is also an AFROTC host or is a cross-town school; and
- (3) Under the age of 35 at time of commissioning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must interview with the local AFROTC Detachment (where they plan to receive training) at the beginning of the fall semester of their first year of law school to ensure the Detachment is willing to enroll them as a cadet if The Judge Advocate General selects them for GLP and if otherwise eligible. The Detachment should interview applicants and determine if they meet AFROTC requirements and standards for acceptance as a cadet. The Detachment should forward an assessment to the JAG Corps by the 1 February application deadline (please call 1-800-JAG-USAF for fax, email, or mailing address).

Applicants apply to the JAG Corps in the second semester of their first year of law school by completing the application materials available online at www.airforce.com/jag. They schedule a hiring interview with the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) at any active duty Air Force base and submit their application packet at the time of the interview. The deadline for completion of the application paperwork and the interview is 1 February of each year. Applicants are typically notified of the results in early March.

SELECTION

Selection is based on the whole person criteria. Selection factors include academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, prior military record (if any), work experience, and the SJA recommendation. A selection board convenes in February, and The Judge Advocate General selects the best-qualified applicants based upon the recommendations of the board.

TRAINING

GLP cadets complete two years of the normal academic requirements for the AFROTC program while attending their second and third years of law school (AS100, 200 and 300 in the second year of law school and AS400 in the third year of law school). They also attend a field training course in the summer between their second or third year of law school (after completion of the first year of AFROTC). Upon inprocessing, Detachments will notify HQ AFROTC via WINGS trouble ticket and request the legal enrollment allocation be awarded. Field Training is scheduled by HQ AFROTC Operations the spring prior to attendance. With few exceptions and subject to Detachment request and Cadet Actions approval, Field Training may be accomplished prior to starting the AFROTC program. GLP cadets in the Professional Officer Course receive a stipend of \$450 (AS300s) and \$500 (AS400s) and receive training pay during summer field training.

COMMISSIONING AND SERVICE COMMITMENT

Upon completion of the AFROTC program and graduation from law school, GLP cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in an inactive Reserves status. Graduates of GLP begin active duty as first lieutenants after completing legal licensing requirements, and are eligible for promotion to captain after six months of active duty. The initial active duty commitment is four years.

REFERENCES

- AFI 51-101, *Judge Advocate Accession Program*
- AFROTCI 36-2011, *Cadet Operations*
- Websites: www.airforce.com/jag www.afrotc.com