

How to GET STARTED in Air Force ROTC

Come by the detachment office to get a PERMIT to enroll in two required AFROTC courses:

- Aerospace Studies (AS100, 200, 300, or 400) - contact us to find out which level to sign up for
- Leadership Laboratory

Fill out a detachment Newcomer's Package and turn it in to the detachment staff

Once your Newcomer's Package is reviewed and accepted, and you start attending AFROTC classes, you are a member of AFROTC. There is no obligation to serve in the military for just being a member and taking the courses. Many people "try out" the program by attending the courses. You only incur an obligation if you formally "contract" into the AFROTC program.

How to qualify for an AFROTC SCHOLARSHIP or OFFICER CAREER in the Air Force

How do I qualify?

In order to qualify for a scholarship or to become an officer through AFROTC, you first have to meet the AFROTC "contracting" requirements. "Contracting" into the program means you sign a contract in which you have an obligation to complete your AFROTC training and bachelor's degree requirements and become a commissioned officer in the Air Force for at least 4 years (longer for pilots & navigators). ***You may join AFROTC and take AFROTC courses without being contracted (no obligation), but you can't become a commissioned officer or activate an AFROTC scholarship without eventually being contracted.***

What are the BENEFITS of contracting into AFROTC?

Students who contract into the AFROTC program are guaranteed a job after college as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force. Additionally, if you meet the scholarship requirements you can receive in-college scholarships that pay up to \$15,000/yr towards tuition. All contracted students receive a monthly tax-free stipend (freshmen: \$250/mo, sophomores: \$300/mo, juniors: \$350/mo, seniors: \$400/mo).

WHO can contract?

Scholarship winners and students awarded an "enrollment allocation" may contract into the AFROTC. An enrollment allocation is basically a reserved slot to become an officer in the future. To compete for a scholarship or enrollment allocation you must:

- Be a US Citizen
- Be a full-time student
- Have a 2.0 cumulative and term (prior term) college GPA (2.5 GPA for scholarships)
- Meet age requirements (scholarship - commission before year you turn 31, non-scholarship - age 35)
- Enroll in the Aerospace Studies class and Leadership Laboratory
- Receive a waiver for any civil involvements or prior drug use
- Pass the [Air Force Officer Qualifying Test \(AFOQT\)](#)
- Pass a [medical commissioning physical](#)
- Pass the [Physical Fitness Test \(PFT\)](#) [composed of sit-ups, push-ups, and 1.5-mile run]
- Meet Air Force [weight standards](#) (must be below the max allowable weight based on your height)

What if I break the contract?

If you break your contract due to circumstances out of your control (i.e. medical conditions), most likely you will owe nothing back to the government. However, if circumstances were within your control, the Air Force may require you to pay back scholarship money you received and/or call on you to serve on active duty.