

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (AROTC) - Quick Guide for School Counselors

Why – Army ROTC has been a starting point for many leaders including astronauts, a supreme court justice, secretaries of state, business and political leaders. Anyone can benefit from participating. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Army_ReserveOfficers%27_Training_Corps#Notable_graduates

- The program emphasizes personal development, including building resilience and confidence.
- Any college student can take the classes to learn more about the Army and leadership.
- Students will have experiences and meet people that will shape them for life.
- There is no commitment to join the Army until a student chooses to contract.
- Students can earn scholarships that pay full tuition and fees, or a \$10,000 direct payment.

Who – Students who plan on going to college following high school, but are also interested in military service are the primary audience for considering Army ROTC. This is not enlisting directly into the Army.

- Students need to be inclined to be leaders and take on additional responsibility.
- Army ROTC cadets are students first and have more options than students who attend service academies, including the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point.
- Junior ROTC is not a prerequisite and is a completely different program than AROTC in college.
- In order to contract students must be: US Citizen, Medically, Physically and Academically Qualified.

How – Following junior year around the 14th of June (Flag Day) each year, the national scholarship application opens <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html>. By going through the scholarship process, students learn more about and start the process of enrolling in Army ROTC

- Even if not selected for a scholarship out of high school, students can participate in the program and be considered for contracting and scholarships on campus.
- Participating in the program is as easy as signing up for Military Science Class and Lab in conjunction with other classes taken at college.
- Students are not obligated to join the Army, but when they contract they earn \$420 Month stipend
- Students can also join the Army National Guard or Reserve while participating to gain additional experience, tuition benefits and monthly pay.

What – Students who earn a bachelor's degree and complete the Army ROTC program requirements, become commissioned officers in the Army as Second Lieutenants (same as USMA) earning about \$50,000 in pay and allowances to start if they go active duty.

- AROTC students also have the option to commission into the Army National Guard or Reserve and serve part time while pursuing a civilian career. Supplemental pay of about
- Every contract is eight years but can be served in different ways. Active duty scholarship students serve four years active and then four in reserve component. Army National Guard or Reserve serve eight years in a part time status a minimum of a weekend per month and two weeks per year.
- Most AROTC graduates don't spend a lifetime in the Army, but they will have experiences that will be with them for a lifetime.

More Information: Army ROTC is available at over 1000 colleges and universities and there are more details than can be covered on one page.

- <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students.html>
- <https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/rotc-programs/>