Penn State Army ROTC
Information Brief

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What is Army ROTC?

- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)
  - 75% of US Army Officer Corps
  - Commissions Second Lieutenants (2LT) for US Army Components (Active Duty, Army National Guard and US Army Reserves)
  - 1 of 3x ways to commission as an Army Officer (ROTC, West Point, Officer Candidate School)

- Army ROTC is the largest grantor of college scholarships in USA
  - Cadets must earn a degree to commission as an officer in the military
  - Scholarship students must meet certain benchmarks to maintain benefits
  - 1300+ Universities in the nation with Army ROTC
    - 273x Host Battalions
    - 1,066x Partnership Universities

- Penn State University Park is the only Army ROTC Host Battalion for PSU
  - Hosts are always manned by cadre
  - 300-350x cadets in the NLB
  - 160+ full scholarship cadets

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Students can participate in Army ROTC at over 1300 universities and colleges .....from Stanford and Harvard to one near his/her hometown.
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Scholarship Details

Scholarship Benefits

- Full tuition and fees (or 10K for Room and Board)
- $600 for books, per semester
- Monthly stipend, based off MSL Level ($300, $350, $450, $500)
- Different types of scholarships
  - Active Duty (opportunity to compete)
  - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
  - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarships
  - Green-to-Gold Scholarships
  - Nursing Scholarships

Commissioning Obligations

- Cadets compete for Active Duty (AD) or Reserve Component (USAR/ARNG)
- Obligation Specifics
  - 8 years after commissioning
  - Scholarship status and Commissioning component shape obligation configuration
  - AD/Scholarship = 4yrs AD + 4yrs Choice (AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR)
  - AD/Non-Scholarship = 3yrs AD + 5yrs Choice (AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR)
  - Reserve Comp/Scholarship = 8yrs in USAR/ARNG after commissioning
  - Reserve Comp/Non-Scholarship = 6yrs in USAR/ARNG + 2yrs Choice (ARNG/USAR or IRR)
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Service Obligation

Commissioning 2LT's incur an 8x year service obligation. The configuration of that commitment is dictated by several factors.

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**Acronyms**

- **AD** - Active Duty
- **ADSO** - Active Duty Service Obligation
- **ARNG** - Army National Guard
- **IRR** - Inactive Readiness Reserve
- **STEM** - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- **USAR** - US Army Reserve
Best Qualified Candidates

‘Scholar-Athlete-Leader’

• **Scholar**
  - 3.5+ Cumulative GPA
  - Honors/Advance Placement Courses
  - 1200/1800+ SAT Equivalent
  - National Honor Society

• **Athlete**
  - Varsity Letter Winners
  - School/Regional Competitions and Recognition
  - Community Athletic Participants

• **Leader**
  - Athletic Team Captains
  - Scouts
  - Boys/Girls State
  - Philanthropy
# Army ROTC Scholarship Winner Profile

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>97%</td>
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<td>15%</td>
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<td>39%</td>
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<td>Varsity Team Captains</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Club Presidents</td>
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Penn State Commonwealth Campuses with Army ROTC

• Abington
  - Host: Widener University
  - Keith Karbel
  - (610) 490-7035
  - krkarbel@widener.edu

• Altoona
  - Host: PSU University Park
  - David Rizzo
  - (814) 865-7257
  - djr18@psu.edu

• Berks
  - Host: Lehigh University
  - CPT Anthony Cevoli
  - (610) 758-3272
  - ajc312@lehigh.edu

• Brandywine
  - Host: Widener University
  - Keith Karbel
  - (610) 490-7035
  - krkarbel@widener.edu

• Erie
  - Host: Gannon University
  - Mr. Ray Patterson
  - (440) 415-3198
  - patterso019@gannon.edu

• Harrisburg
  - Host: Dickinson University
  - Mr. Rodney
  - (717) 254-8306
  - rodneye@dickinson.edu

• Lehigh Valley
  - Host: Lehigh University
  - CPT Anthony Cevoli
  - (610) 758-3272
  - ajc312@lehigh.edu

• Mont Alto
  - Host: Shippensburg University
  - Dr. Joseph Hasper
  - (717) 477-1896
  - jjasper@ship.edu

• Pennsylvania College of Technology
  - Host: Bucknell University
  - Andy Mahoney
  - (570) 577-1013
  - ArmyROTC@bucknell.edu

• Wilkes-Barre
  - Host: University of Scranton
  - MAJ Michael Dolan
  - (570) 941-7457 x3141
  - michael.dolan@scranton.edu

• Worthington Scranton
  - Host: University of Scranton
  - MAJ Michael Dolan
  - (570) 941-7457 x3141
  - michael.dolan@scranton.edu
NLB Training Information

Required Training

- Physical Readiness Training (PRT)
  - 3x sessions per week
  - 0600-0700
  - Incentives program

- Army ROTC Class
  - 1-2x classes per week
  - 50-75 min duration

- Military Labs
  - 1x battalion consolidated training lab per week
  - Classroom and field training environments
  - Cadet planned and executed

- Summer Training
  - Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET)
    - Freshmen/Sophomore
  - Cadet Leaders Course (CLC)
    - Junior/Senior Summer

Training Opportunities

- Summer Training
  - Airborne
  - Air Assault
  - Cultural/Language Programs
    - Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP)
    - Project GO!

- ROTC Clubs
  - Ranger, Marksmanship, Lion’s Guard, Cadet Recruitment Team, Kaizen
  - Voluntarily lead extra training/workouts throughout the school year
  - Compete in regional, national and international competitions

- Penn State Clubs
  - Cadets involved in PSU Community
  - Activities that don’t conflict with ROTC requirements are encouraged/authorized
Common Misconceptions

• “Joining Army ROTC is just like enlisting in the military”
  – **No Basic Training**
  – Non-Scholarship members can join for **TWO FULL YEARS** without obligation
  – Unwilling participants not pressured to progress

• “ROTC will interfere with a normal college experience”
  – Army ROTC Cadets involved in every possible campus club/activity (Greek Life, Philanthropy, Club Sports, etc.)
  – As long as minimum requirements are met, a cadet dictates their experience

• “ROTC will interfere with my academics”
  – Cadets **must** earn a degree to commission as an Army Officer
  – Scholarship students must meet certain benchmarks to maintain benefits
  – Army ROTC facilitates free tutoring services and constant academic advising
  – **We have a vested interest in the success of our cadets!**
Common Misconceptions

• “Academic major incompatible with Army ROTC and/or military service”
  – A huge variety of academic majors represented in the Army ROTC program
  – Army actively seeks Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) majors

• “My military obligation will interfere with my post-graduate work”
  – Active Duty Commissionees can compete for ‘Educational Delay’ (85% success rate)
  – ARNG/USAR Soldiers serve without conflicts to their academic work or civilian jobs

• “I could deploy while in ROTC”
  – Contracted Army ROTC students are 100% non-deployable
  – **Non-contracted** cadets serving in a US Army Reserve Unit are only considered for deployment after their first year of ROTC
  – **Non-Contracted** cadets serving in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard are non-deployable (State Policy Memorandum)
## Why choose Army ROTC?

**Public Rates Military # 1 in Trust**

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## Compensation Comparison

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<td>Food Allowance</td>
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<td>Health Care</td>
<td>$4,200</td>
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<td>Net Income</td>
<td>$43,990</td>
<td>$53,673</td>
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Helpful Links and Contact Information

• Army ROTC Portal: goarmy.com/rotc
  – Application opens June before candidates’ senior year
  – Key steps: 1) Online portal, 2) HS Transcripts, 3) SAT/ACT Scores, 4) Physical Fitness Assessment, 5) PMS Interview

• Penn State Army ROTC: army.psu.edu
  – Official Penn State Army ROTC Website
  – Links to NLB Facebook, Flickr and other news

• Army Advocates: goarmyadvocates.com/resources
  – Consolidated list of Army Resource links
  – Best for guidance counselors, principals, etc.

• March2Success: march2success.com
  – Free practice tests/preparatory materials for college entrance exams
  – Focused on improving STEM prospects’ College Board scores
Questions?