The Scholarship Process

The scholarship process can be daunting and requires persistence. Providing accurate and complete information will ensure that your file is reviewed by the board in a timely manner and gives you the greatest opportunity to earn a scholarship and attend the institution of your choice. The scholarship process:

1. Go to [http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html). Read requirements then scroll down and click on “Take the Next Step: Create an Account.” Log In to the scholarship application site and provide the information requested.

2. Schedule an interview at your #1 school choice (preferable) or a local ROTC Battalion.

3. Follow the steps to submit your SAT/ACT scores and transcripts.

4. Download the physical fitness assessment and have a coach or gym teacher administer it. Transmit the physical fitness assessment to Cadet Command via email (Train2Lead@usacc.army.mil) or fax (1-757-788-4643).

Scholarship Boards

There will be three boards that will evaluate applications and award scholarships. These boards review complete applicant files and are comprised of qualified officers who will weigh many factors including academics, athletics, and volunteer activities. Specific information such as GPA, SAT/ACT scores, your interview score, and the physical fitness assessment will be considered.

Interviews

Each applicant will have to complete an interview with the local ROTC Professor of Military Science or his representative. The interview will result in a point assessment in both objective and subjective areas. Each interviewer is an individual and has his own ideas as to what qualities or experiences are the most beneficial for a future Army Officer. In general the following advice is offered:

1. Arrive on time.
2. Dress professionally; at a minimum a tie for men, women should wear business attire.
3. Bring a resume and transcript (unofficial or official).
4. Shave and get a haircut. Look the part of someone who wants to enter the Army.
5. Speak in a respectful tone and respond to questions using affirmative or declarative responses.
6. Be prepared to ask some questions about the Army, not just the scholarship process.
7. Be prepared to answer the most important question, “Why do you want to be an Army Officer?”
8. Discuss military legacies in your family and those things that predispose you to be successful leading America’s Soldiers.
9. Respond with opinions based on your values; Army Officers must be thinkers and action-oriented.

Department of Defense Medical Eligibility Review Board (DODMERB) Physical/Medical Qualification

You will be required to attend a medical and optical screening from a contracted physician and optician or ophthalmologist.
## Scholarship Program
### Winner Profile – Mission Set 2018

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*College Board data for High School Class of 2014 not yet available
# Army ROTC Service Obligation

**Important Points**
- **All** commissioning 2LT’s incur an 8x year service obligation.
- Configuration of that commitment is dictated by several factors.

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**Acronyms**
- 2LT – Second Lieutenant
- AD - Active Duty
- ADSO - Active Duty Service Obligation
- ARNG - Army National Guard
- GRFD - Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty
- IRR - Inactive Readiness Reserve
- STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- USAR - US Army Reserve
4-Year Scholarship Selection Considerations

Selection Board Evaluation Factors:

Military Potential
- Athletic Participation
- JROTC Participation
- Physical Fitness
- Program Motivation
- Officer Evaluation

Personal Factors
- Leadership Participation
- Non-School Activities
- Character
- Exceptional Achievement
- Technical Interest

Scholarship
- Math/Science Achievements
- Intellectual Motivation
- Personal Statement

Quality Index Factors
→ High School Class Rank/GPA (≥ 2.5)
→ SAT (≥ 920) / ACT (≥ 19) Scores
→ PMS Interview