Penn State Army ROTC Information Brief

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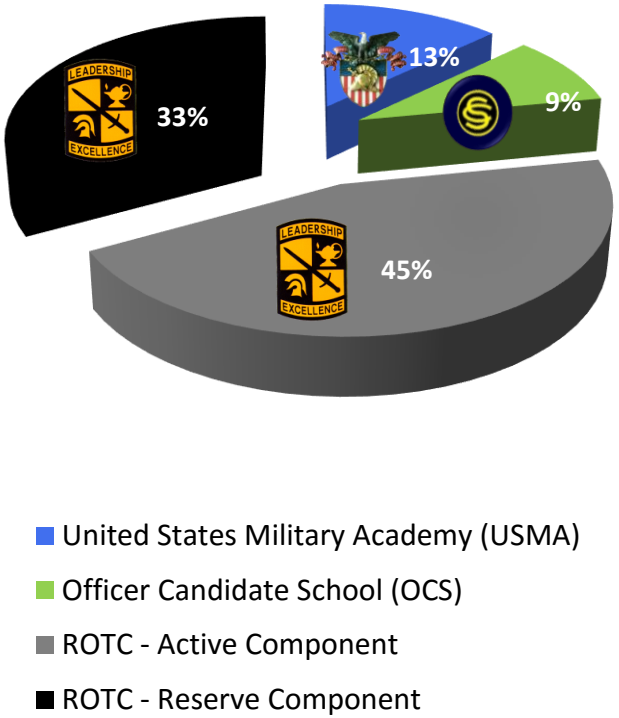
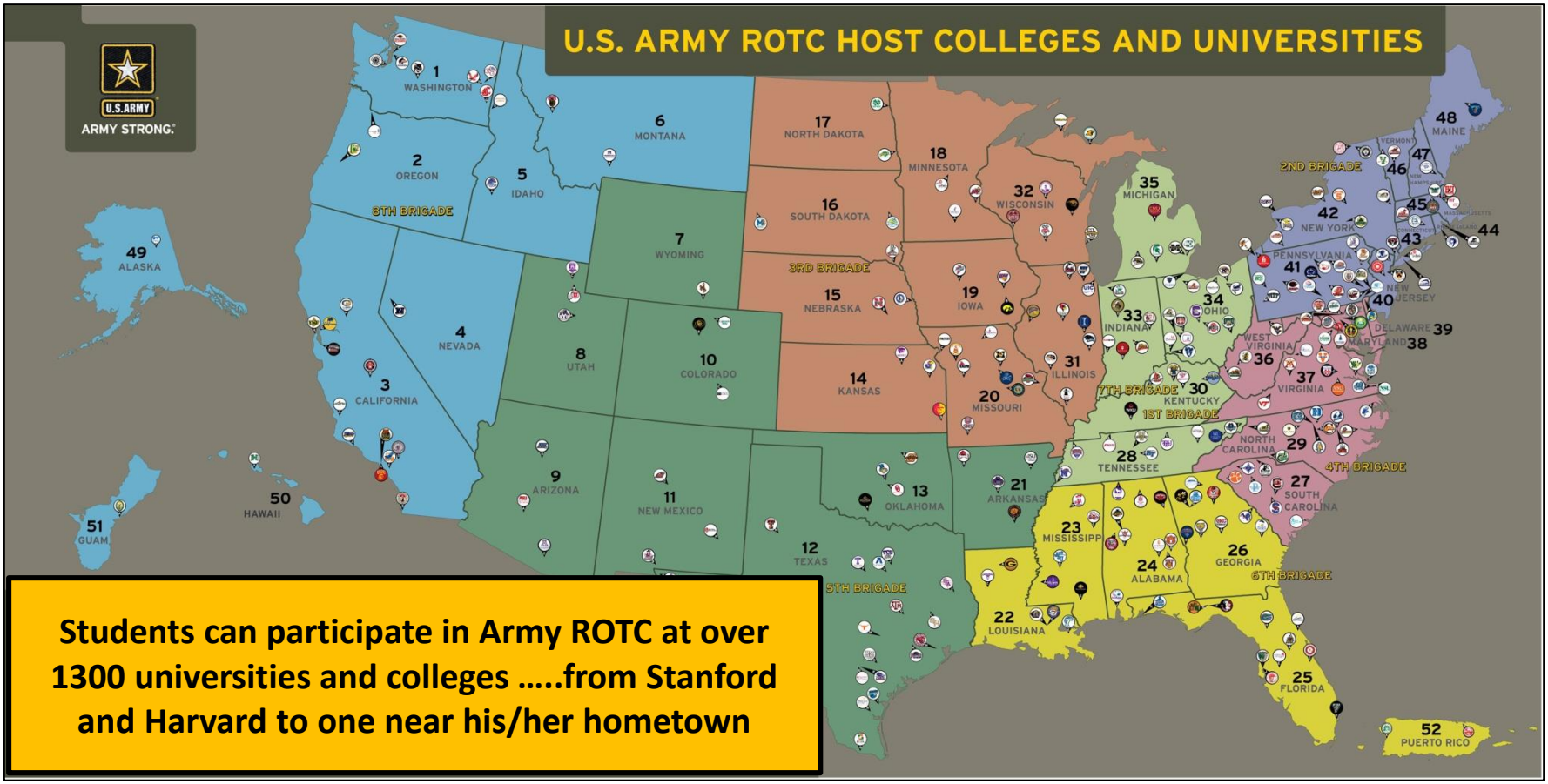
What is Army ROTC?

- 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

US Army Commissioning Source Statistics



US Army Cadet Command



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

Army Senior ROTC
273 Host Universities
1,066 Partnership Universities
33,364 Senior Cadets

US Army Cadet Command
7 Regional Brigades
1 Military College Brigade
273 Battalions

Army ROTC 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)

Army ROTC
Service Obligation

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

8yr Service Obligation								
Commission / Scholarship Status	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Active Duty Commission + Scholarship (4yr, 3yr AD, STEM, Nursing)	Initial ADSO				AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR			
Active Duty Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ADSO				AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR			
Reserve Forces Commission + Scholarship (Dedicated ARNG/USAR, GRFD)	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation							
Reserve Forces Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation						ARNG/USAR or IRR	

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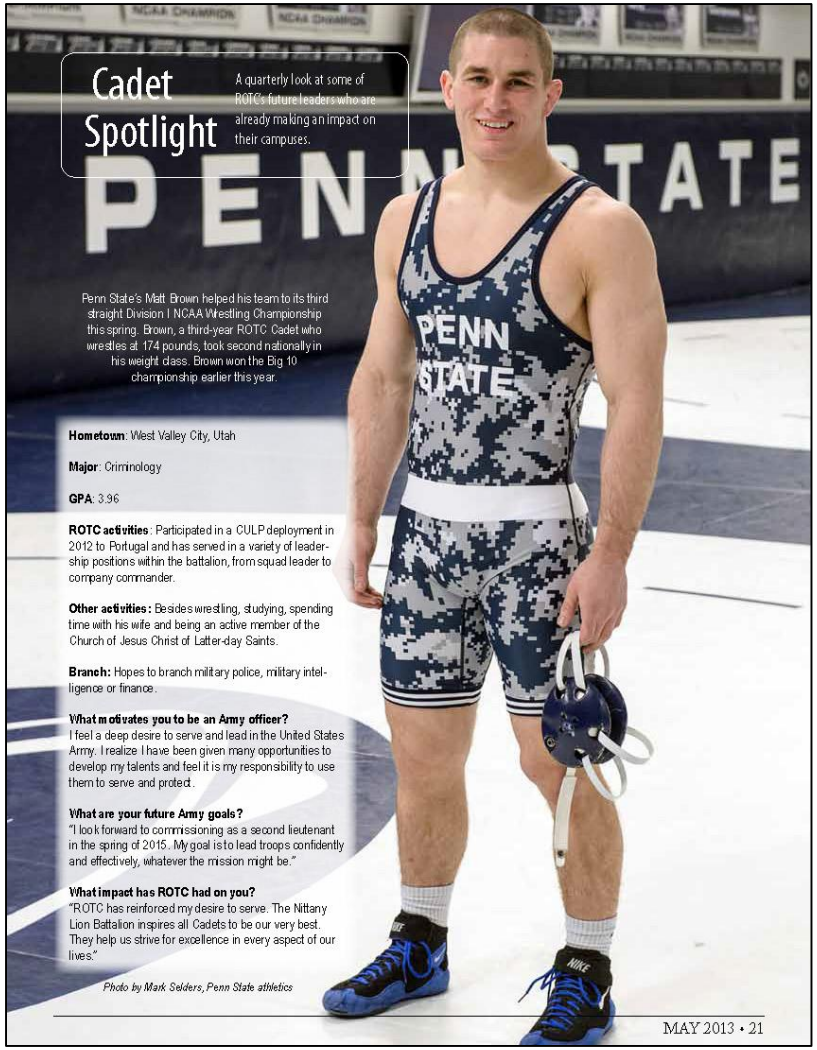
Acronyms
AD - Active Duty
ADSO - Active Duty Service Obligation
ARNG - Army National Guard
IRR - Inactive Readiness Reserve
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
USAR - US Army Reserve

Best Qualified Candidates

'Scholar-Athlete-Leader'



Cadet Spotlight

A quarterly look at some of ROTC's future leaders who are already making an impact on their campuses.

Penn State's Matt Brown helped his team to its third straight Division I NCAA Wrestling Championship this spring. Brown, a third-year ROTC Cadet who wrestles at 174 pounds, took second nationally in his weight class. Brown won the Big 10 championship earlier this year.

Hometown: West Valley City, Utah

Major: Criminology

GPA: 3.96

ROTC activities: Participated in a CULP deployment in 2012 to Portugal and has served in a variety of leadership positions within the battalion, from squad leader to company commander.

Other activities: Besides wrestling, studying, spending time with his wife and being an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Branch: Hopes to branch military police, military intelligence or finance.

What motivates you to be an Army officer?
I feel a deep desire to serve and lead in the United States Army. I realize I have been given many opportunities to develop my talents and feel it is my responsibility to use them to serve and protect.

What are your future Army goals?
"I look forward to commissioning as a second lieutenant in the spring of 2015. My goal is to lead troops confidently and effectively, whatever the mission might be."

What impact has ROTC had on you?
"ROTC has reinforced my desire to serve. The Nittany Lion Battalion inspires all Cadets to be our very best. They help us strive for excellence in every aspect of our lives."

Photo by Mark Selders, Penn State athletics

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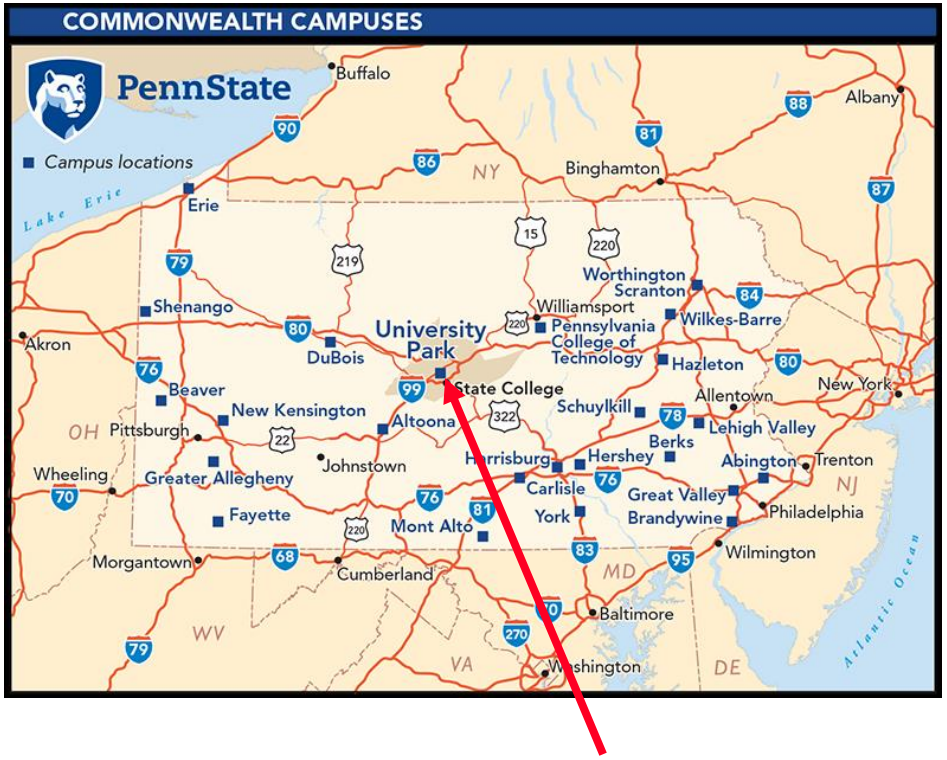
- **Scholar**
  - 3.5+ Cumulative GPA
  - Honors/Advance Placement Courses
  - 1200/1800+ SAT Equivalent
  - National Honor Society
- **Athlete**
  - Varsity Letter Winners
  - School/Regional Competitions and Recognition
  - Community Athletic Participants
- **Leader**
  - Athletic Team Captains
  - Scouts
  - Boys/Girls State
  - Philanthropy

Army ROTC
Scholarship Winner Profile

Activity	2016	2017	2018
Top 5% of Class	48%	44%	41%
Top 25% of Class	85%	82%	78%
Top 50% of Class	97%	97%	95%
Presidents of Student Body or Sr. Class	15%	16%	7%
Other Class Officers	39%	43%	29%
National Honor Society	49%	49%	56%
Varsity Letter Winners	80%	82%	65%
Varsity Team Captains	60%	61%	45%
Club Presidents	7%	7%	15%
JROTC Participants	26%	28%	27%
Academic Scores	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**
4 Year College Board Mean	1267	1253	1247
National College Board Mean	1010	1010	1010
High School GPA	3.7	3.6	3.6

Penn State Commonwealth Campuses with Army ROTC



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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?

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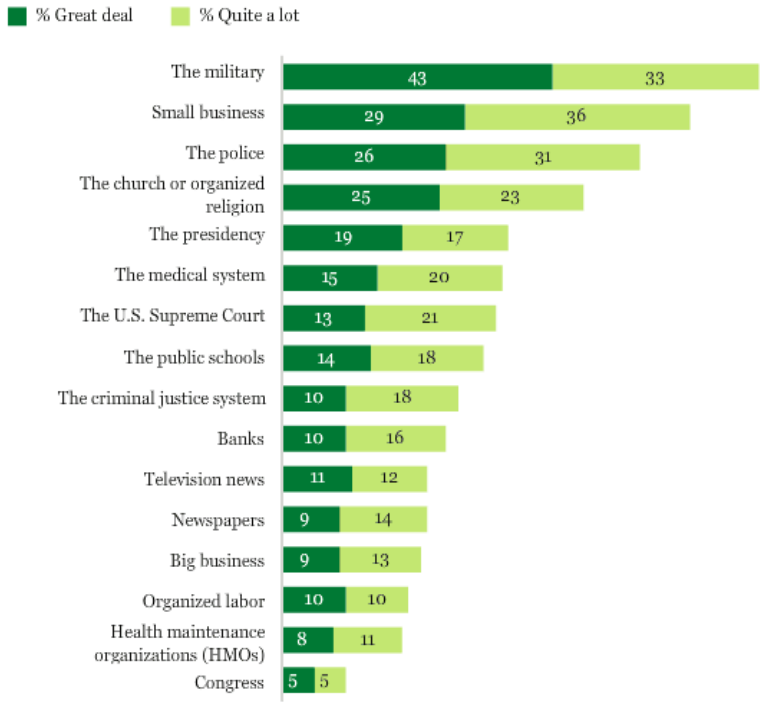

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Compensation Comparison

Compensation Comparison	US College Graduates	US Army 2nd Lieutenants
Base Salary	$48,190	$33,408
Housing Allowance	$0	$13,572 (varies by location)
Food Allowance	$0	$2,686
Tax Advantages	$0	$4,007
Health Care	$4,200	Full Coverage
Net Income	$43,990	$53,673

References: 2014 NACE Survey, 2015 healthcare.gov marketplace, 2014 defense.gov Military Compensation Calculator

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

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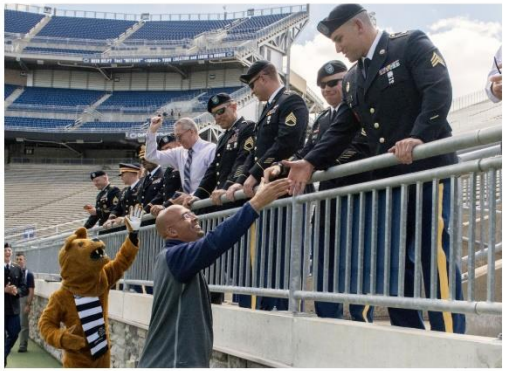
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