

Specialized Academic Opportunities

Air Force ROTC

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (Air Force ROTC) is an educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become officers in the Air and Space Forces of the Department of the Air Force. It prepares young men and women to become leaders in today's high-tech Air Force and Space Force while completing their college degrees. Air Force ROTC enrollment is not restricted to individuals who wish to be commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force or U.S. Space Force. Students may elect to take Air Force ROTC courses for academic credit only, earning elective credits for all University degrees.

Reserve Officer Training programs are subject to the control of the service branch that sponsors them and are operated according to the rules and regulations established by the service branch. Any qualified student may enroll in Air Force ROTC; check with your local Air Force ROTC detachment for more information.

Four-Year and Three-Year Program

The first half of the four-year program is called the General Military Course, which is offered during a student's freshman and sophomore years. This program allows students to try out Air Force ROTC for up to two years without incurring any obligation (unless they are on an Air Force ROTC scholarship). The freshman and sophomore level classes cover fundamental information about the Department of the Air Force, leadership/followership topics, and the basics of military service. If students join as sophomores and only have three years of college remaining, they may combine their freshman and sophomore classes in order to complete their degree plan and AFROTC requirements in three years. The last two years are called the Professional Officer Course. These junior and senior-level classes cover leadership skills, national security affairs, and preparation for active duty. Textbooks and reference materials are provided electronically and free of charge for all Air Force ROTC courses.

Field Training

All Air Force ROTC cadets must attend field training, also known as "basic training." Cadets usually attend field training during the summer between their second and third years of college. The purpose of field training is to evaluate military discipline and Air Force leadership potential and to determine readiness for entry into the Professional Officer Course (POC) via leadership, followership, and team-building opportunities.

Air Force ROTC Scholarships

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships covering a student's college tuition and fees for two to four years. There are Type 1 and Type 2 scholarships. Type 1 scholarships cover 100% of tuition. Type 2 scholarships cover up to \$18,000 per year in tuition and fees (max of \$9,000 per semester or \$6,000 per quarter). In addition, each scholarship pays an annual book allowance of \$900 (\$450 per academic term) and a tax-free stipend during the academic year of \$300-\$500 per month, depending on their academic year.

In addition to the Air Force's scholarship aid, Embry-Riddle also offers financial incentives to new high school Air Force ROTC scholarship winners. University funding includes any university scholarships, need-based grants, and awards.

University funding, in combination with funding from Air Force ROTC, cannot exceed the cost of education. This university assurance is offered at the discretion of the university Financial Aid Department, not Air Force ROTC.

High school students interested in a scholarship should apply as soon as possible in the six-month application period (July 1 to December 31 of

their senior year). The online application for the High School Scholarship Program can be found at www.afrotc.com

In-college scholarship opportunities may be available for students already enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program. Check with your local Air Force ROTC detachment for more information.

All scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be less than 31 years old as of December 31 of the year you will commission
- Meet minimum military and physical standards
- Meet minimum term and cumulative GPA
- The higher the student's GPA and SAT/ACT scores, the better their chance of being selected as a scholarship recipient.

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