Active Duty Air Force Benefits

- Typical Starting Salary: ~$41,000
- Salary after two years: ~$54,000
- Salary after four years: ~$73,000
- Housing Allowance (+12 - 24K)
- Subsistence Allowance (+3K)
- Vacation: 30 days a year with pay
- Sick Leave: Unlimited with pay
- Medical/Dental Care Provided
- Life Insurance: Up to $400,000 while on active duty
- Education: Up to 100% tuition assistance
- Blended Retirement System

Career Opportunities

Air Force ROTC graduates are offered a minimum of four years of active duty service in a variety of officer career fields. Whatever your interest, there is likely an Air Force career to match. For a complete listing of available careers, visit: www.afrotc.com/careers

- Pilot
- Medical/Dental
- Acquisitions
- Contracting
- Combat Systems
- Engineering
- Space Operations
- Personnel
- Logistics
- Security Forces
- Intelligence
- Cyberspace
- Financial Management
- Aircraft Maintenance

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What is Air Force ROTC?

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is an educational program that allows men and women to pursue a commission in the United States Air Force, while also obtaining a college degree. The purpose of Air Force ROTC is to develop leaders and officers for tomorrow’s Air Force and Space Force.

If you are interested in a career with a high level of responsibility, duty, and honor, Air Force ROTC may be the right choice for you.

Program Requirements

In general, full time students at The Citadel with at least three years left in their bachelor’s degree studies are eligible to join our program.

- U.S. Citizenship
- Minimum 2.0 Term & Cumulative GPA
- Maintain height & weight standards
- AF Physical Fitness Assessment (1-min push-ups, 1-min sit-ups, 1.5 mile run)
- Minimum grade of C in AFROTC courses
- Pass military certified medical exam
- Attend AFROTC Training Events

Comprehensive program requirements are listed at www.afrotc.com/what-it-takes/

Cadet Curriculum

On a weekly basis, all cadets will attend an Aerospace Studies class, physical training sessions and a Leadership Lab. The program is tailored to four academic years but can be condensed to three or extended to five years in certain circumstances.

General Military Course (GMC)

Typically composed of freshman and sophomore students, the GMC consists of one credit hour classes focusing on the culture, benefits and history of the Air Force. Freshmen: Fall AERO 101, Spring AERO 102 Sophomores: Fall AERO 201, Spring AERO 202

Summer Field Training (FT)

A selective and intense summer training session, usually attended between a cadet’s sophomore and junior years, FT places a heavy focus on leadership under pressure, teamwork, and expeditionary skills.

Professional Officer Course (POC)

After successfully completing Summer FT, cadets enter the POC which consists of three credit hours focusing on leadership principles, national security topics, and preparation for active duty. Juniors: Fall AERO 301, Spring AERO 302 Seniors: Fall AERO 401, Spring AERO 402

Leadership Lab (LLAB)

LLAB is a two-hour, weekly training session designed to acclimate cadets to the military environment and to develop their leadership skills.

Physical Training (PT)

Physical fitness is a way of life for military service members. Cadets are expected to attend one weekly Air Force PT session in addition to the Citadel Corps PT.

AFROTC Scholarships

AFROTC offers the following scholarship types:
- Type 1– Full tuition & fees (mostly tech majors)
- Type 2– Covers up to $18,000 in tuition & fees
- Type 7– Full in-state tuition & fees (out of state students can convert this to 3-year Type 2)

High School Scholarship Program (HSSP)

High school seniors may compete by completing an online application at www.afrotc.com, and must submit the application by Jan of their senior year.

Selection based on: GPA (3.0 min), SAT (1240 min) or ACT (26 min), Fitness Assessment, extra-curricular activities, AFROTC Interview, and desired academic major

In College Scholarship Program (ICSP)

AFROTC offers two- to three-year scholarships to college students in all majors. All eligible cadets in our program are automatically competed each semester starting Spring Freshmen year until they go to Field Training.

Selection based on: Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), Fitness Assessment, college GPA, and commander’s ranking.

Additional Financial Benefits

- Uniform Allowance: ~ $800 per yr (ALL cadets)
- Monthly Stipend: $300-500 (contracted cadets)
- Book Stipend: ~ $900 per yr (HSSP/ICSP cadets)
- Citadel ROTC Room & Board Scholarship: $7000 for Top 8 applicants / $3500 per yr for all others (HSSP recipients only)