

**How to Apply for a National  
Army ROTC Scholarship  
For SY 2016 - 2017**

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html>

# Scholarship

## (4 yr and 3 yr Advanced Designee Line, Nurse, STEM)

- Pays full tuition books and fees or room and board stipend up to \$10,000 per year
- USM currently provides \$1,250 towards room and board for all scholarship winners who choose to live on campus and have a basic meal plan.
- Cadets receive a monthly stipend: Freshman \$300, Sophomore \$350, Junior \$450, Senior \$500
- Additional benefits for Nurses

# Applicant **Minimum** Qualifications

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.50
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (21 ACT for Nursing scholarship, excluding the required writing test scores)
- **Meet physical standards**
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard)

# Medical Disqualifiers

- Mental Disorders, ADD/ADHD
- Asthma
- Color Blind
- Chronic Illness
- OCD
- Academic Accommodations
- Eating Disorders
- Severe Allergies
- Suicide Attempt
- Self Mutilation
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Bilateral Kidney Stones
- Central Nervous System Shunts
- Seizure Medication
- Sleep Walking last 12 Months
- Medicated Headaches
- Implanted Contacts
- Cochlear implants
- Stuttering
- Tourette's
- IBD
- HIV
- Vision Not Correctible to 20/40 in Weaker Eye
- Bedwetting last 12 Months
- Anything that would prevent strenuous physical activity or mental agility

# Your Commitment

- An eight-year service commitment with the Army.
- Serve full time in the Army for four years and four years with the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
- Selected Cadets may choose to serve part time in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career

High School Students >

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### ARMY ROTC NURSE PROGRAM

Army ROTC nurse cadets may qualify for scholarships and other additional benefits to help start gaining the valuable career and leadership skills of an officer in the Army Nurse Corps.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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### A WAY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Scholarships and stipends in Army ROTC help you focus on what's important. Namely, getting that college degree – not how you'll pay for it.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Learn more about 4-year scholarship opportunities for high school students.

APPLY NOW

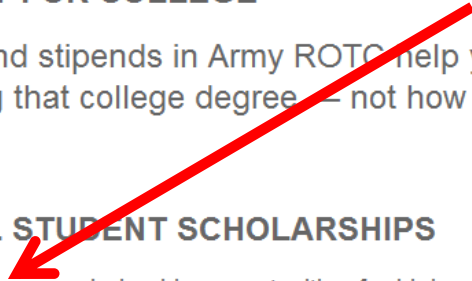
### COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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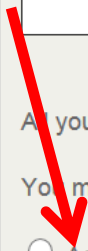
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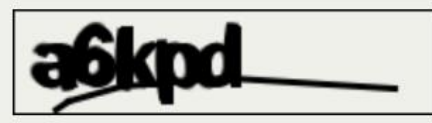
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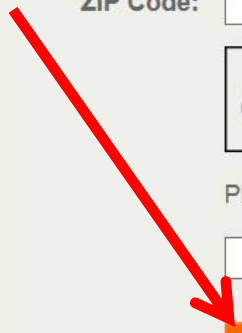
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**Headquarters Cadet Command has moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky. All faxes should be sent to (502) 624-1120 & emails sent to [usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil)**

**NOTE:**

\* The 4-Year High School Scholarship Application will be unavailable from Thursday, 20 Feb 2014, 1600 (EST) until Thursda 2014, 2000 (EST) due to routine system maintenance.

The ADA495510.pdf download has completed.

# Application Requirements

- Complete Cadet Background and Experience Form (CBEF)
- Personal Information
- Medical Information
- Presidential Fitness Test/Physical Fitness Assessment Scorecard – Coach, Gym Teacher, JROTC or SROTC Instructor
- High School Information – Must Provide Transcripts
- SAT or ACT Score – Must be Validated
- School and Academic Major Choices – One Instate Required
- Activities Summary
- Additional Scholar/Athlete/Leader Achievements
- Personal Statement
- Professor of Military Science Interview – call to schedule 601-266-4456

# CBEF

- The CBEF was introduced 2012 into the online high school scholarship application.
- Civilian Background Experience Form – a 92 question form designed to determine a high school applicant’s aptitude to complete ROTC and commission as an officer.
- Answer all questions honestly – do not try to game the survey.
- The CBEF is located at the end of the online 4-year high school scholarship application.
- The applicant completes the CBEF once. If the applicant logs out of the application without taking the CBEF or without completing it, when the applicant logs back into their application, the link for the CBEF is still available. However, upon completion of the CBEF, the link will be gone the next time the applicant logs into their application.
- Board Whole Person Score – 1400 total points possible. The CBEF counts for 250 points or 17.8% of the Whole Person Score (WPS).
- The CBEF is not required for an applicant to go before the board. If an applicant does not take the CBEF or does not complete it, the applicant receives zero points out of a possible 250.

# THE ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT SCORECARD

## Administrative Data

Scholarship applicants are required to complete The ROTC Physical Fitness Assessment Scorecard as part of the High School application process. The assessment consists of three events: Curl-ups, Push Ups, and 1 Mile Run. Upon completion, forward to US Army Cadet Command G2 Incentive Division. FAX: 502-624-1120 or via email to [usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil)

## ROTC Applicant Information

Name:	Last 4 SSN:	Gender:	Age:	Ht (in):	Wt (lbs):
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High School:

Signature:	Comments:
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## Test Administrator Information

Name:	Title:	Test Date:
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Signature:	Comments:
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## The ROTC Physical Fitness Assessment Scorecard Events

Push Up event (1 Min)	Curl Up event (1 Min)	Run event (1 Mile)
<p>Instructions: The student lies face down on the mat in push-up position with hands under shoulders, fingers straight, and legs straight, parallel, and slightly apart, with the toes supporting the feet. The student straightens the arms, keeping the back and knees straight, then lowers the body until there is a 90-degree angle at the elbows, with the upper arms parallel to the floor. A partner holds her / his hand at the point of the 90-degree angle so that the student being tested goes down only until her / his shoulder touches the partner's hand, then back up. To start, a timer calls out the signal "Ready? Go!" and begins timing student for one minute. The student stops on the word "stop." Record number of correct Push Ups.</p>	<p>Instructions: Have student lie on cushioned, clean surface with knees flexed and feet about 12 inches from buttocks. Partner holds feet. Arms are crossed with hands placed on opposite shoulders and elbows held close to chest. Keeping this arm position, student raises the trunk curling up to touch elbows to thighs and then lowers the back to the floor so that the scapulas (shoulder blades) touch the floor, for one curl-up. To start, a timer calls out the signal "Ready? Go!" and begins timing student for one minute. The student stops on the word "stop." Record number of correct Curl Ups.</p>	<p>Instructions: On a safe, one-mile distance, students begin running on the count "Ready? Go!" Walking may be interspersed with running. However, the students should be encouraged to cover the distance in as short a time as possible. Times are recorded in minutes and seconds.</p>
<p><b>Number of Repetitions:</b></p>	<p><b>Number of Repetitions:</b></p>	<p><b>Time:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">Min    Sec</p>

# Physical Fitness Assessment Max Scores

Male:

Push Ups: 50

Curl Ups: 50

1 Mile Run: 6:30

Female:

Push Ups: 40

Curl Ups: 50

1 Mile Run: 7:19

# **Additional Scholar/Athlete/Leader Achievements**

- Cover anything you have done not listed in the Activities Summary
- Expound on experiences, awards, leadership, challenges met, job experiences
- Quantify achievements – time, dollars, number of people, results – do not make things up
- Bullets are fine – each board member looks at your file for 3 minutes – organize by SAL or chronological

# Personal Statement

- Study the Army Values, Soldiers Creed, Warrior Ethos, Constitution, and all information at [goarmy.com](http://goarmy.com).
- Tell your story – who has motivated you- short and long term goals and how Army ROTC and the Army fit into your plans, but do not appear self serving.
- What are you bringing to the Army.
- First person, active voice, correct diction and syntax.
- If you leave the written portions blank, you are sending a message to the board.

# Example Personal Statement

## 4 YR National Scholarship Awardee

There are 58 seconds left. Its our ball on the 20 yard line. Our team is down by six, with no remaining time outs. As the quarterback, I've spent many hours preparing for this moment. We drive the ball and cross mid-field. Its fourth down, 45 yards to go, with 13 seconds on the clock. At the snap, I drop back and feel pressure from my right. I flush forward in the pocket. The safety comes up, allowing a receiver to explode by him. I release a 45 yard pass for a touchdown. With 4 seconds left, we kick an extra point, which seals our victory. Final score: 20 to 19. Our win is due to the collaborative dedication and effort of each player.

Teamwork is at the core of who I am. I've played football since I was eight, which has taught me the importance of working on a team. Throughout high school, I've mentored six boys in quarterback instruction and skills training. I've focused on teaching them the importance of leadership, confidence and work ethic. My own self-discipline, patience and organizational skills have improved due to this mentoring experience.

Teamwork has also been instilled in me at home. My father has taught me the importance of a teamwork mentality in my relationships with family and friends. As the eldest of four children, I've demonstrated leadership and initiative with my siblings. My parents have modeled the importance of character, service and a strong work ethic. I've embraced these core values for myself.

I desire to find a career that best compliments my teamwork philosophy, dedication and personal strengths. The elite Army is a logical fit for me, as teamwork is part of its foundational structure. I believe that the ROTC training program will sharpen my character as I overcome challenges and adversity, accept increasing levels of responsibility and encourage others to maximize their potential as I lead by example. I desire to be a part of the team that keeps our country strong. I consider it an honor to apply for this career opportunity.



# PMS Interview

- Schedule with Ms. Danielle Ramos 601-266-4456
- Be early
- Common courtesies (Sir, Ma'am, Yes Sir, No Sir) – dress professionally (shirt with collar, dress pants and shoes or JROTC uniform)
- Be confident in your abilities and sure of your choices – not cocky
- Prepare for the interview- study the form, formulate your answers, practice – sell yourself
- Be able to answer:
  - Why do you want to be in the Army?
  - What makes you think you would be a good Army officer?
  - What do you want to major in and why?
  - What Army branches are you considering and why?
- Relax and be yourself

## ROTC SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW SHEET

Name of Applicant (Last Name, First Name, MI)	SSN (last 4 digits)	Applicant's Height & Weight Data
Applicant's Address (Include Zip Code and Telephone Number)	Interviewer and School of Interviewer	

Guidance to interviewer: (Refer to the interview guide for specific instructions) At the beginning of the interview, the applicant must be told that the interview is authorized IAW CCR 145-1 and information provided during the interview is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. The purposes of the interview are to assess the qualitative aspects of an applicant as a potential 4-Year Scholarship winner; to provide information to the applicant on the Army ROTC Program; to provide the Selection Board bullet comments that indicate an "eyes on" observation and evaluation of an applicant's composure, appearance, verbal communication skills, motivation and overall potential as assessed by the interviewer (PMS), and to try to get an impression of the willingness to complete the Army ROTC Program and serve as an Officer in the Army. The interview will also help serve as a check on the progress of an applicant's packet to ensure greater possibility of receiving an Army ROTC Scholarship or entering the program as a non-scholarship Cadet and competing for a Campus Based Scholarship at a later date.

**NOTE: The interview process will account for 200 possible points toward the overall 1000 possible points awarded by the selection process. Max points possible for each area: 40 = Exceeds standards; 20 = Meets standards; 0 = Needs Improvement**

### Scholar, Athlete, and Leader Criteria - Evaluations

**Scholar** *(check all that apply)*

- Valedictorian/Salutatorian
- Membership in National Honor Society
- Honors or Advanced Placement Program Courses (Completed)
- GPA over 3.0 **AND** SAT/ACT over 1100/24
- Top 10% of class

Scoring: **Meets two or more criteria above; award 40 points**  
**Meets only one criteria above; award 20 points**  
**Meets none of the criteria above; award 0 points**

\_\_\_\_\_ Points

**Athlete** *(check all that apply)*

- Varsity Letter from High School team
- Membership of regional/city/competitive league
- Either active involvement in organized competitive (club, church league) team, sports or active involvement in individual athletic, competitions (triathlon, mountain biking, running, etc.)

Scoring: **Must letter in two or more sports or multiple letters, in a single sport to receive 40 points or multiple blocks are checked.**  
**Meets only one criteria above; award 20 points**  
**Meets none of the criteria above; award 0 points**

\_\_\_\_\_ Points

**Leader** *(check all that apply)*

- Elected member of student government, class, activity
- Captain of athletic or academic team - Eagle Scout/Gold Star/CAP Billy Mitchell
- Served in position of responsibility in school/club or private organization and leader in volunteer service organization activities

Scoring: **Meets two or more criteria above; award 40 points**  
**Meets only one criteria above; award 20 points**  
**Meets none of the criteria above; award 0 points**

\_\_\_\_\_ Points

Use bullet style comments (similar to Campus and LDAC CER comments) that convey to the reader an accurate "word picture" of the applicant for the Selection Board. Bullet comments will be based on suggested questions contained in the Interview Guide.

**Appearance** (*Composure*) :

**Verbal Communication Skills** (*Composure*) :

**Motivation:**

**Potential:**

**Additional Notes:** (Use this area to address updates regarding the applicant's application/admission status (school visits, etc.) and to note any information you think the board should know that is not addressed above)

**Personal Qualities**

- Outstanding/Top applicant in all aspects: (40 points)
- Good, above-average applicant with few weaknesses: (20 points)
- Not appealing. Immature. Poor impression. Unstable or offensive: (0 points)

**Potential**

- Outstanding candidate; all indicators say he/she will commission: (40 points)
- Strong contender with high probability of commissioning: (20 points)
- Commission problematic: (0 points)

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**Points**

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**Points**

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**Total Points Awarded**

I recommend this student for a scholarship (check one):  **Yes**  **No**

**Interviewer (PMS) Printed Name, Rank, Contact Info (email/phone number) of Interviewer:**

**Interviewer (PMS) Signature and Date:**

# Apply to USM

- Apply Prior to **5 JAN 2016** for SY 16-17 for USM scholarship consideration
- Complete application, \$40, HS transcripts, ACT
- Apply for all scholarships
  - General Admissions (criteria based/per year amount) – Academic Excellence in State (30-36 ACT=Full Tuition, 28-29 ACT=\$ 5,000, 26-27 ACT=\$4,500, 24-25 ACT=\$4,000, 21-23 ACT=\$1,000) and Out of State (Nonresident Fee waiver starts at 22 ACT and scholarships are the same as in state for 24 ACT and above) Eagle Scout/Gold Award (\$1,500), Star Student (\$1,500)
  - Competitive Admissions (must apply) – Discovery (Full Tuition, Books and Fees, Room and Board, \$5,000 for Study Abroad, \$1,500 Research Grant), Presidential (Full Tuition, Books and Fees, Room and Board) , Lucky Day
- Attend a Freshman Preview and Enroll

# Apply for Privately Funded Scholarships

The USM Foundation has recently introduced a new scholarship application system, which allows current and incoming students a more efficient way to access hundreds of privately funded scholarships. By visiting [usmfoundation.com/go](http://usmfoundation.com/go), students can easily search, review requirements, apply and accept awards for available scholarship opportunities. Students will be matched with scholarships for which they are eligible based on their major, grade point average, financial need, student activities and other criteria. Students are required to complete the application only once each academic year.

Applications must be completed by 15 FEB 2016 to be eligible for scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year.

# Letters of Recommendation

Although not mandatory, letters of recommendation will strengthen your National Army ROTC scholarship packet.

- Teacher or Advisor – AP, NHS, Academic Clubs
- Athletic Coach / Trainer
- JROTC Instructor
- Scout Master
- Music Teacher / Band Director
- Employer
- Religious Leader

# Application Timeline for School Year 16-17

- Application window opens 12 June 2015 – packets must be initiated by 10 January 2016
- Board packet deadlines are 3 October 2015, 24 December 2015, and 28 February 2016 – Offers are made after each board
- When your packet is complete it will be boarded
- Packets are only looked at for each board and can be updated with new transcripts and ACT scores
- All updates are required to be postmarked by 28 February 2016
- Last board will upgrade previously boarded 3 yr AD offers to 4 yrs budget dependent and conduct relook for 100 JROTC specific scholarships

# Application Hints

- Apply yourself to academics.
- Study for the ACT – take it early and often – your goal is 22 for an 3year scholarship and 28 for a 4 year.
- Be height/weight compliant and get in shape.
- Get involved with community and campus activities
- Play a competitive sport – city league is fine.
- Apply to and be accepted by the Universities on your application. Make sure your chosen degree is offered.
- Complete your Additional SAL Criteria and Personal Statement in MS Word, let your English Teacher review it, cut and paste it into the application.
- Be morally and ethically straight.
- Commit to your chosen course.
- Complete your application by the first board date.
- Scan and email or upload all documents to Cadet Command.
- Apply even if you think you are not the most competitive. Complete National Scholarship packets can be used for on campus scholarship offers – it is the first place we look for candidates.



# Once Selected

- Read your offer letter carefully and comply with all instructions
- Sign the acceptance form immediately- scan and email to USACC – login to your account to confirm receipt
- Schedule and complete DODMERB Physical
- Begin your security clearance background information
- Complete High School Academics
- Stay hungry and in shape – be able to pass the APFT
- Stay out of trouble – legal, ethical, and moral
- Set an appointment with your Army ROTC program to complete enrollment and contracting requirements

# Requirements to Contract

- Complete all required paperwork
- Complete DODMERB Physical
- Pass Army Height Weight Requirements
- Pass Army Physical Fitness Test
- Start Security Clearance
- Scholarship applicants have until the end of their first scholarship semester to contract
- 3 year AD scholarships may be upgraded to 3.5 years for 3.2 GPA and 270 APFT during the Fall 2016 semester
- No benefits are paid until contracted

# **For More Information:**

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USM Army ROTC webpage:

<http://www.usm.edu/army-rotc>