

Southern University and A&M College Naval ROTC

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Scholarship Opportunities



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Overview

There are various scholarship types that prospective NROTC students have an opportunity to receive. The application process should begin during junior year of high school, but applications are accepted all the way through sophomore year of college. Each scholarship has different requirements, and in some cases, candidates can apply to multiple scholarships. This is to serve as a guide to aid you in deciding the right path to pursue a commission as a Navy or Marine Corps officer. Below is a list of the scholarships and opportunities addressed in this document:

- NROTC National Scholarship
- Minority Serving Institution Scholarship Reservation (MSISR)
- National Preparatory Scholarship (NPP)
- Fredrick C Branch-Marine Option only
- 3-, 2-, and 1-year Sideload Scholarship
- College Program and College Program Advanced Standing
- Navy Nursing Scholarship

NROTC National Scholarship

Covers: Four years of tuition and fees, a stipend for textbooks, and a \$250 per academic month living allowance (which increases by \$50 each year). The application window for the online application is open for is 1 April-31 January of each year.

Requirements:

- Pass the Application Fitness Assessment (AFA)
- U.S. Citizenship, a Naturalized U.S. Citizen or in process of becoming a Naturalized U.S. Citizen.
- Not less than 17 years old and not yet 23 by September 1 of the year starting college. Must not have reached 27th birthday upon graduation and commissioning.
- No moral obligations or personal convictions preventing bearing of arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign, or

domestic, or to taking an oath to perform such acts.

- You must not have any body piercing or tattoos that violate Navy or Marine Corps policy.
- Medically qualified by Navy or Marine Corps standards.
- Chose a major tier 1, 2, or 3 (preferably 1 or 2)
 - **Tier 1-** Aerospace Aeronautical, Astronautical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture & Marine/Naval Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Systems Engineering.
 - **Tier 2-** Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering, Architectural Engineering/Architectural Engineering Technologies, Astrophysics Biochemistry, Biophysics & Molecular Biology, Biomathematics & Bioinformatics Biomedical/Medical Engineering, Biotechnology Cell/Cellular Biology & Anatomical Sciences, Ceramic Sciences & Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Programming, Computer Science/Info. Tech., Construction Engineering, Electronics & Comm. Engineering, Engineering Mechanics, Engineering, Physics, Engineering Science, General Engineering, General Science, Industrial Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mathematics, Metallurgical Engineering, Microbiological Sciences and Immunology, Mining & Mineral Engineering Nuclear & Industrial Radiologic Technology, Oceanography, Petroleum Engineering, Pharmacology & Toxicology, Physics, Physiology, Pathology & Related Sciences, Polymer/Plastics Engineering, Quantitative
 - **Tier 3-** All other academic majors not listed in Tier 1 or Tier 2.
- Complete Officer Interview by an Officer at an NROTC Unit
- Choose NROTC available universities (lists found online – link provided below)
- ACT minimum
 - Math 21
 - English 22
 - 44 Combined (Math plus English)
- SAT minimum
 - Math 540
 - Verbal/Critical Reading 550
 - 1100 Combined (Math plus Verbal/Critical Reading)
- Link to apply <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Requirements/>

Minority Serving Institution Scholarship Reservation (MSISR)

Covers: Four years of tuition and fees, a stipend for textbooks, and a \$250 per academic month living allowance (which increases by \$50 each year).

Requirements:

This scholarship has the same requirements as the Navy National Scholarship (see above for reference). This scholarship is offered **ONLY** at Historically Black Colleges/Universities

(HBCU), High Hispanic Enrollment (HHE) schools, and other minority-serving institutions (MSI). Southern University A&M (SU) interested candidates qualify for this scholarship. NOTE: To apply for this scholarship, you must go through the NROTC National Scholarship process. On the National Scholarship application, it will ask if you would like to also include the MSISR option, click yes if you are interested.

- Must be a Navy Option
- Must successfully receive a nomination from MSI to be considered for the MSISR scholarship.
- Link to apply <https://www.netc.navy.mil/commands/naval-service-training-command/nrotc/msi/>

National Preparatory Program Scholarship (NPP)

Covers: The first full school year all tuition, fees, books, and housing. Up to \$180,000.

A program aimed to prepare Midshipman-candidates to succeed in the Naval ROTC program. It is for students who did not qualify for the NROTC National Scholarship. The program selects candidates with great academic and leadership potential.

It transfers to the NROTC National Scholarship if requirements are met (minimum 2.5 GPA, good moral, and physical standing).

- SUNROTC NPP application link https://www.subr.edu/assets/subr/NavyROTC/SU-NPP_Application.pdf
- Application fitness test requirements <https://www.subr.edu/assets/subr/NavyROTC/SU-NPP-Applicant-Fitness-Assessment-AFA-rules.pdf>

Frederick C. Branch Scholarship

Covers: Full tuition supplemental university/college fees and monthly stipend allowance.

Requirements:

Only available to those interested in pursuing the Marine option NROTC route. This scholarship is only offered at a minority-serving institution or HBCU.

- Must be at least 18 years old at time of application and a US citizen
- Must not have reached 28th birthday at the time of commissioning
- Must pass Marine Corps physical examination
- Must have a bachelor's degree or be a full-time student at a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.
- Must attend and graduate from Officer Candidates School (OCS)
- For more information <https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc>

Navy Nursing Option

Covers: Up to \$180,000 to help pay your way through nursing school. It is available to students interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Upon graduation, Nurse Option midshipmen will commission as an officer in the Navy Nurse Corps.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be in the good physical condition and pass a full medical examination
- For more information <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Nurse/>

Sideload Scholarship

Covers: Tuition, uniforms, fees, a monthly/ book stipend, for designated years on the scholarship.

Unit affiliated or non-affiliated students can apply for a three-, two-, or one-year scholarship as college students (one year only applies to affiliated students and does not apply to Marine Option MIDN).

- Looks at college performance only
- Apply through the NROTC unit
- Minimum 2.5 GPA requirement and must pass the Navy Physical Readiness Test

College Program Basic/ Advanced Standing

Covers (Advanced Standing only): Monthly stipend for a maximum of 20 months and one summer cruise.

College Program Basic: Students with over 30 hours of college credit hours should apply for the college program. This allows students to compete for a Sideload scholarship.

Advanced Standing: Navy option midshipmen entering their junior/ senior year of college who have not been selected for a scholarship may be selected by NSTC or MCRC for advanced standing.

- Advanced Standing is typically reserved for students who fail to meet Calculus and Calculus-based Physics requirements for Navy Option scholarships, but who still wish to gain their commission in the Navy.

Other Useful Links

- List of Universities with NROTC <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Navy-ROTC-Schools/#>
- Coordinators to aid in assistance with application process <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Locate-Coordinator/>
- SUNROTC Scholarship page and point of contact <https://www.subr.edu/page/619>