2015-16 YEAR ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

For those who are high school seniors, have a high school senior, or know of one, the following information may prove very helpful in gaining and affording entrance to the college of their choice. There are available scholarships, but you need to start now! The deadline to begin the online application process is **10 January 2015**. You will need to create a GOARMY account. The application process must be completed not later than **27 February 2015**. The ROCKS, Inc. is prepared to assist you. Do not wait! Please Read below.

The ROCKS, Inc. can assist in a limited number of 4-year Army ROTC scholarships to qualified prospective candidates attending Historically Black College/Universities (HBCU) and all other schools having ROTC programs. To review the requirements and obtain other information, please visit: [http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html)

**IMPORTANT:** If you elect to take advantage of assistance from The ROCKS, Inc., you will need to submit the following NOT LATER THAN **5 January 2015** to: ROCKSROTC@aol.com

FULL NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
HIGH SCHOOL:
HIGH SCHOOL GPA:
SAT OR ACT SCORES:
COLLEGES YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO OR HAVE APPLIED TO:

The ROCKS, Inc. will send this information to U.S. Army Cadet Command. The latter will communicate directly with the candidate to gather necessary additional information, such as official high school transcripts.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**
- Students who have already applied for a scholarship and their applications are in the Cadet Command database are not eligible to reapply for ROCKS Scholarships.
- These scholarships are designed to assist in recruiting high school students to increase enrollment in ROTC.
- They are not to be used for on-campus recruiting.
- The overall goal is to improve diversity in the Army.

**NOTE:** Your attention is invited to the addendum (pages 3 and 4) for more information on the overall process.

Point of Contact for additional information:
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Deadline to start online application is 10 JANUARY 2015, with application completed by 27 FEBRUARY 2015.

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LISTING OF HBCUs

The following colleges and universities offer Army ROTC or facilitate a local satellite ROTC unit for a host institution:

Alabama A&M University
Alcorn State University
Bowie State University
Central State University
Elizabeth City State University
Florida A&M University
Fort Valley State University
Grambling State University
Hampton University
Howard University
Jackson State University
Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
Lincoln University (Missouri)
Morgan State University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
Prairie View A&M University
Saint Augustine's College
South Carolina State University
Southern University and A&M College
Tuskegee University
Virginia State University
West Virginia State University
GUIDE TO THE ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS
(A Cadet Command Document)

ROTC Scholarships provide full financial assistance for College tuition and mandatory education fees (or room and board). Additionally scholarship winners receive tax free subsistence allowance for up to 10 months a year from $300 to $500 per month and $1200 annually for textbooks, classroom supplies, and equipment.

Students apply for an ARMY ROTC Scholarship online between 1 June and 10 January, at http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html

In order to be eligible to apply for the 4 Year scholarship, students must meet the following minimum criteria: (Note these are minimums they are not the scores of the average winner)

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Students must also complete the following in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. All applicants must self report their high school Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), college board scores (SAT/ACT), age, and U.S. Citizenship.

2. When completing the application students will be asked for the email address of their Guidance Counselor and a high school PE teacher or coach.

3. An email will be sent to the guidance counselor asking for information such as class rank and types of classes the applicant has taken. Also an email will be sent to PE teacher or high school coach requesting they give the applicant the Physical Fitness Assessment and report the results to Cadet Command.

4. The applicant must send a copy of his or her SAT or ACT scores and a copy of their transcripts to Headquarters Cadet Command in order to continue through the process to the scholarship interview. Once they receive the interview instructions from Cadet Command, the applicant will have the option to schedule an interview at a local university Army ROTC program or at a university Army ROTC program of their choice.

5. When the applicant attends the interview, the interviewer will take an assessment of the applicant’s height and weight. These measures must be taken in street clothes and without shoes.
6. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant’s potential as an Army officer.

7. Once the applicant completes all the requirements of the scholarship application, their file will be evaluated by a board of Army officers, who are current Professors of Military Science. These officers will assemble in October, January, and March, during a typical school year, to review scholarship prospects’ files.

8. Each student can achieve a possible 1400 Whole Person total points during the scholarship evaluation process. The Whole Person Score is a total merit based score comprised of:

   a) 250 points for ACT/SAT score;
   
   b) 200 points for Scholar/Athlete/Leader evaluation based upon athletic, scholastic, and leadership achievements;
   
   c) 200 points from the Interview;
   
   d) 150 points from the Physical Fitness Assessment;
   
   e) 250 points from the Cadet Background and Experience Form (CBEF), which the applicant fills out as part of the online application process;
   
   f) 350 points are awarded by the board members when the applicants’ files are complete.

9. Students’ scores are then placed on an order of merit list (OML), in descending order, of their Whole Person Score. Based upon available scholarship funds, Cadet Command then determines how many scholarships to offer for that scholarship board.

10. Applicants are informed they won a scholarship when they receive a letter from Cadet Command indicating they were selected. Once an applicant receives a letter from Cadet Command, they must respond within 30 days indicating their decision to accept the offer and indicate what school they plan to attend.

11. Applicants who are not offered a scholarship from that particular board will remain on the order of merit list and will automatically be considered for a scholarship offer when the next scholarship board meets. Once all the boards are completed, applicants who are not selected for a scholarship will receive a letter by mid-April, at the latest, stating they were not selected and should seek out ROTC scholarships opportunities at the college they are attending.

12. Prior to scholarship benefits being paid, all scholarship recipients must pass a Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB) medical examination and the APFT. Applicants should respond promptly to all physical requirements and ensure they are training for the physical fitness test events.