

## **Military/ROTC Program: Xello:**

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- **Research your options and choose a military branch:**

ROTC stands for Reserve Officers' Training Corps. These programs allow you to get a college degree while preparing to become a military officer.

You can choose between Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC.

### **Army ROTC**

Available at more than 1,100 colleges

Graduates will be commissioned as Army officers

Also includes a Nurse program option

### **Air Force ROTC**

Available at more than 1,100 colleges

Graduates will be commissioned as Air Force or Space Force officers

### **Navy ROTC**

Available at more than 75 colleges

Graduates will be commissioned as Navy officers

Also includes an option for those who want to serve as Marine Corps officers

Also includes a Nurse program option

Each military branch is different. Do some research into each one, so you know which one would be the best fit for you. Once you know which branch you want to serve in you'll know which ROTC program to apply to.

**Tip:** Some high schools offer Junior ROTC (JROTC) programs. This is a great way to learn about military service while you're still in high school. Check with your counselor to find out if this is an option at your school.

### **To investigate the branches:**

Talk to people who have served in the military

Talk to your counselor

Explore the websites for the different military branches

[Air Force](#)

[Army](#)  
[Navy](#)  
[Marine Corps](#)

**To learn more about the ROTC programs:**

- Talk to your counselor
- Contact an ROTC recruiter
- Explore the websites for the different ROTC programs
  - a. [Army ROTC](#)
  - b. [Air Force ROTC](#)
  - c. [Navy ROTC](#)

● **Research your scholarship options:**

A scholarship is a sum of money that helps you pay for your education. It doesn't need to be repaid. In return for an ROTC scholarship you'll commit to serving in the military for a certain amount of time.

You can apply for an ROTC scholarship to pay for some or all of your education. You'll need to find out about the ROTC scholarship options for the branch that interests you.

Questions to consider:

- How much is the scholarship for?
- What does the scholarship cover?
- What is the scholarship application deadline?
- What will my service commitment be after completing the ROTC program?

**To learn about ROTC scholarships:**

- Talk to your counselor
- Contact an ROTC recruiter
- Explore the scholarship websites for the different ROTC programs
  - a. [Army ROTC scholarships](#)
  - b. [Air Force ROTC scholarships](#)
  - c. [Navy ROTC scholarships](#)

● **Check if you meet the scholarship requirements:**

Each ROTC scholarship has its own unique requirements. But you'll typically need to meet age and citizenship, education, and physical requirements.

#### Age and citizenship requirements

You generally need to:

- Be a US citizen or be in the process of obtaining citizenship
- Be at least 17 years old

#### Education requirements

You generally need to:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have a minimum high school GPA
- Have minimum scores on the SAT or ACT

#### Physical requirements

You generally need to:

- Be in good general health and physical condition
- Meet weight limits
- Be able to pass a standard physical exam

To learn about the specific ROTC scholarship requirements:

- Talk to your counselor
- Contact an ROTC recruiter
- Explore the websites for the different ROTC programs
  - [Army ROTC requirements](#)
  - [Air Force ROTC requirements](#)
  - [Navy ROTC requirements](#)

- **Choose schools that interest you:**

ROTC programs are offered at colleges across the country. Find out which ones offer ROTC programs for the branch that interests you.

It's also important that the school you attend is a good fit for you. Think about what matters to you most about a school. This could be anything from its location to its campus life.

You'll include the schools you're interested in attending on your scholarship application.

To find schools offering ROTC programs:

[Army ROTC school locator](#)

[Air Force ROTC school locator](#)

[Navy ROTC school locator](#)

- **Choose majors that interest you:**

The majors you can take depend on the program you want to apply to.

If you're applying to the Army ROTC, you'll be able to choose from a wide variety of majors. The Air Force and Navy ROTC have a smaller list of approved majors.

You'll include the majors you're interested in on your scholarship application. Your choice of major can influence the type of scholarship you're offered.

Talk to your counselor or an ROTC recruiter for more information about picking majors.

- **Apply for a scholarship:**

Generally, you'll start the ROTC entrance process by applying for a scholarship. This is done online, on the Army, Air Force, or Navy ROTC page.

Start by setting up an account. Leave yourself lots of time to fill out the application.

You'll be able to get help from ROTC recruiters if needed.

Each application process is a little different. But the information you'll be asked for generally includes:

- Your personal information

- Your high school transcript

- Your SAT/ACT scores

- Your athletic activities

- Other extracurricular activities

- Results from a physical fitness assessment

- The schools you're interested in attending

- The majors you're interested in studying

If you satisfy all the requirements, you'll be contacted for an interview. The interview is the last step before the selection board makes their decision.

For more information on the application process:

- Talk to your counselor

Contact an ROTC recruiter

Explore the application pages for the different ROTC scholarships

[Army ROTC scholarship application](#)

[Air Force ROTC scholarship application](#)

[Navy ROTC scholarship application](#)

- **Wait for a decision:**

You'll be notified of the decision by email or through the online portal where you applied. The selection process is competitive.

If you are awarded a scholarship:

Your scholarship will be for one of the schools you selected on your application. You must apply to and enroll in that school in order to use your scholarship.

In some cases you can apply to have the scholarship moved to another school.

You may also have to pass a medical exam before you can activate the scholarship.

If you don't get a scholarship:

You may still be able to attend an ROTC program as a non-scholarship student.

In this case you will be responsible for covering the costs of earning your degree in another way.

- **Start the program:**

As an ROTC student you'll be just like any other college student. You'll attend classes to earn your degree. But you'll also have extra ROTC commitments. You'll do in-class and field training that will prepare you to become an officer.

You'll also need to meet certain requirements each year to keep your scholarship active.