

## MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

# What **You** Need to Know **About** Registering with **Selective** **Service**

**Q: What is Selective Service?**

**A:** The Selective Service System is a government agency whose job it is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there's a national emergency.

**Q: What is Selective Service registration?**

**A:** By registering, you add your name to a list of all the men in the nation, ages 18 through 25. The list would be used to identify men for possible military service in case of a national emergency.

**Q: What happens if there's a draft?**

**A:** There hasn't been a draft since 1973. If there were an emergency sufficient for Congress to order another draft, Selective Service would conduct a birthdate lottery to decide the order in which to call men. Those who turn 20 during that calendar year would be called first in a sequence determined by the lottery. If more men were needed, those 21 to 25 would be called, youngest first.

**Q: Who is required to register?**

**A:** The law says that all 18-year-old men (including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register. The only young men exempt from registration are non-citizen males who are in the U.S. temporarily as tourists, diplomats and their family members or foreign exchange students; incarcerated or institutionalized men; men on active duty in the Armed Forces; and students at U.S. military academies.

**Q: Why don't women have to register?**

**A:** Our nation only registers men. This has always been the case. Selective Service law as it presently is written refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who could be subject to a draft. Therefore, Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. In order for women to be required to register with Selective Service, Congress would have to change the wording of the law.

**Q: What if I don't register?**

**A:** You are breaking the law. If prosecuted, you could be sent to prison for up to 5 years and may be fined up to \$250,000. In addition, if you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits and many state and federal jobs.

**Q: Is registration hard?**

**A:** No. In fact it's never been easier. A young man can register with Selective Service in less than 2 minutes via the Internet at: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You can also register by going to your local post office and completing a registration form. It's as simple as filling in your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and Social Security number. Registration forms should be available in your local recreation or social service center, school's guidance or registrar office, or you may receive a form in the mail. Simply complete it and mail the form to Selective Service.

**Q: When should I register?**

**A:** Within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you cannot register on time because you are hospitalized or in prison, you have 30 days in which to register after you are released. If 30 days have already passed since your 18th birthday, **register** immediately, either **on-line** or at your post office. Although Selective Service will accept a late registration, the longer you wait, the longer you are breaking the law and jeopardizing your future benefits.

**Q: How do I prove I registered?**

**A:** When registering via the Internet, you will receive your Selective Service number immediately. That number is your proof of registration - for safe keeping, jot it down. You will receive a Selective Service card by mail within 2 weeks confirming that number. (Note: If you registered by mail, you will receive a card confirming your registration within 60-90 days.) **If you don't get your card within 90 days, write to:**

**Selective Service System  
Registration Information Office  
P.O. Box 94638  
Palatine, IL 60094-4638**

**Or call 1-847-688-6888**



## Register with Selective Service.

Use the Internet:  
[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

# MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

## Military Scholarships

ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) and Naval ROTC Programs offered by the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and the Air Force, train qualified young men and women to become officers in those services upon graduation from college. The good news is, ROTC is available in more than 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the U.S., both those that host ROTC units or detachments and those with cross-enrollment agreements with them.

### Here's a closer look at some ROTC requirements:

- \* During college, students take a full course load. However, included in the curriculum are military science courses that provide the specialized knowledge needed as an officer.
- \* In addition to academic courses, ROTC candidates wear uniforms once a week during military labs, drills, military science presentations, and other practical training activities.
- \* ROTC summer programs offer a taste of military life—such as midshipmen cruises in Naval ROTC—and round out a candidate's military training.

### ROTC Scholarships:

Scholarships are not necessary for participation in ROTC, but hundreds of ROTC students receive scholarships every year.

Scholarships are competitively awarded on merit. The main considerations are:

- \* High school academic record
- \* SAT or ACT scores
- \* Extracurricular activities
- \* Personal interview

The length, value, and terms of ROTC scholarships vary by service. All services offer four-year scholarships that include full tuition, books, fees, and a monthly tax-free stipend.

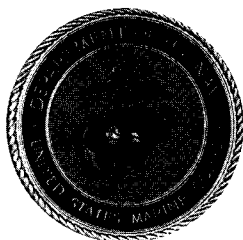
However, three-, two-, and even one-year ROTC scholarships are also available, which are all well worth inquiring about. Some services offer health-related or Nurse ROTC program variations, and the U.S. Navy even has an ROTC program at a variety of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

### ROTC Online:

Before calling for information, a visit to ROTC Web sites is a must. You can click on links for specific colleges and universities where ROTC programs are available and more.

#### *Please Note:*

*At this time, ROTC is not being offered by the Coast Guard. However, a similar program is available to those interested. The College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI) is a scholarship program for college sophomores. This program provides valuable training and full payment of school tuition, fees, textbooks, a salary, medical insurance, and other benefits during a student's junior and senior year of college. The CSPI program guarantees training at Officer Candidate School (OCS) upon successful completion of all program requirements. Following the completion of OCS and commission as a Coast Guard officer, each student will be required to serve on active duty (full time) as an officer for three years. Find out more about CSPI.*



U.S. AIR FORCE



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## RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

### ARMY ROTC:

A program which provides college-trained officers for the Regular Army or Army Reserve. Four-year scholarships pay tuition, lab fees, on campus educational fees, and \$100 per month subsistence allowance. Minimum requirements include SAT 850 or ACT 19. Many other characteristics are considered. Deadline is December 1 of senior year. Take ACT or SAT on a national test date no later than December. Begin application spring of junior year. Need ACT or SAT tests early second semester of junior year.

### NAVY/MARINE ROTC:

These pay up to four years tuition, costs of textbooks, fees and a subsistence allowance of \$100 per month. The selection process is very competitive. Deadline date is December 1 of senior year. Get information; in the CCRL or call the Navy Recruiting Command at 438-0380. Take the ACT or SAT before November 18 and preferably during spring of junior year. Minimum scores are ACT English - 22, Math - 22; SAT English - 450, Math - 500. To be competitive, it would help to have 3.8 GPA with combined English and Math on ACT of 50+ or a combined SAT of 1150+. Begin application spring of junior year.

### AIR FORCE:

These pay up to four years tuition, costs of textbooks, fees and a subsistence allowance of \$100 per month. Deadline is December 1 of senior year. Selection is based on scores on SAT or ACT, high school academic records, recommendation from a high school official; extra-curricular activities, personal interview, medical exam, and acceptance into a college or university offering Air Force ROTC. Minimum requirements are to be in top 25% of class, GPA and ACT of 24 and SAT of 1000. Begin application spring of junior year.

**NOTE: STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN AN ROTC CLASS ON THEIR OWN IN COLLEGE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS IN COLLEGE.**

## MILITARY EDUCATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

All branches of the military have an educational funding program which can be used after or during military service to pay for college or special training.. Contact drecruiters from each branch to get the latest information.

ARMY: 250-5159

NAVY: 250-5066

NATIONAL GUARD: 250-1380

ARMY RESERVE: 744-6331

AIR FORCE: 250-5939

MARINES: 234,5600

AIR FORCE RESERVE - 582-5968

NAVAL RESERVE: 251-2531

## **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES**

Because of the extremely keen competition for nomination for an academy, students are urged to apply to every nominating authority which your eligibility allows, (i.e. student's two senators, their congressman, Presidential, Vice Presidential, Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, etc.) Students selected for an academy receive four years college including tuition, room, board, fees and a monthly salary, part of which must be used for some expenses. After graduation from an academy, a student is obligated to be on active military duty for five years. You will need to begin the application process by sending for Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. You should begin completing papers and counselor or write the appropriate Academy for information.

Director of Admissions  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York 10996-1797

Phone: (914) 938-4041

Director of Candidate Guidance  
United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018

Phone: (800) 638-9156

Director of Admissions  
United States Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5000

Phone: (303) 472-2520

Admissions Office  
United States Merchant Marine Academy  
Kings Point, New York 11024

Phone: (800) 732-6267

Director of Admissions  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
New London, Connecticut 06320-1195

Phone: (203) 444-8501