



U.S. AIR FORCE

Air Force ROTC Detachment 915



West Virginia University
Fairmont State University
Waynesburg University

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Welcome to Air Force ROTC

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at West Virginia University is an educational program designed to give you the opportunity to become an Air Force officer while completing your degree. AFROTC is a foundational training program designed to prepare you to meet the stress and demands of a career in the Air Force.

Four-Year Program

The program is divided into three parts: The General Military Course, Field Training, and the Professional Officer Course. The General Military Course is the first part of the Four-Year Program and it's taken during your freshman and sophomore years. This program allows you to "try out" AFROTC for up to two years without incurring any obligation unless you receive and activate an AFROTC scholarship. As you attend class, you'll learn more about the Air Force and the historical development of airpower. The next part is Field Training which is completed over the summer usually before you enter the Professional Officer Course. The final part, the Professional Officer Course, is competitive to join. You generally compete for a slot in the Professional Officer Course during the spring semester of your sophomore year. These courses cover leadership skills and national defense policy.

Field Training

Field Training is designed to evaluate your comprehension of the General Military Course, test your military leadership and discipline, and determine if you are prepared to enter the Professional Officer Course. At Field Training, you will experience a mock deployment, gain career guidance, and receive weapons familiarization. Typically, you will attend Field Training over the summer between your sophomore and junior years.

Qualifications for AFROTC

- Be a US citizen or be able to become a US citizen prior to contracting and commissioning
- Be physically qualified, of good moral character, and in good academic standing
- Be under maximum age limit
- Be a full-time student at a school offering AFROTC
- Enroll and participate in AFROTC classes

AFROTC Benefits

- Potential scholarships worth \$10,000 - \$50,000 depending on school tuition costs. Most scholarships pay full college tuition and most textbooks, lab, and incidental fees.
- AFROTC uniforms provided on a loan basis
- College credit for all courses in most academic majors
- \$300-\$500 nontaxable monthly stipend during academic year while on scholarship or in Professional Officer Course
- Authorized salary while attending Field Training and other summer programs
- Excursions to Air Force bases and a behind-the-scene look at military operations
- Voluntary summer internships and training opportunities
- Access to AFROTC events including drill competitions, Color Guard, combat dining-in, and parades
- A challenging and rewarding career upon graduation and commissioning

Air Force Career Opportunities

The Air Force offers you a chance to be a part of a wide variety of career fields including:

- Aircraft Pilot
- Air Battle Manager
- Cyberspace Operations Officer
- Combat Systems Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- Space Operations Officer
- Civil Engineer
- Nuclear and Missile Operations Officer
- Special Tactics Officer

Active-Duty Air Force Benefits

- **Pay:** Competitive salary with annual raises and a promotion after two years
- **Leave:** 30 days of leave annually with pay
- **Medical and Dental Care:** Included at no cost, low cost plans for family members
- **Sick Leave:** Unlimited days with pay
- **Retirement:** Annual contributions automatically provided to your retirement, pension after 20 years of service
- **Education:** 100 percent tuition assistance, up to \$250 per credit hour (\$4,500 annually)
- **Life Insurance:** Low cost plans
- **Living Quarters:** Housing or off-base housing allowance provided
- **Travel:** Can be stationed at military bases throughout the world

Air Force Obligation

After graduating from college and completing all AFROTC requirements, you will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Non-flying officers typically serve four years on active duty. Pilots serve ten years after completion of pilot training. Air Battle Managers and Combat Systems Officers serve six years after training.

Scholarships Opportunities

In-College Scholarships - AFROTC offers 2.5- to 3.5-year scholarships to current cadets. Cadets who are not already on a scholarship and meet the AFROTC requirements will compete for available scholarships during their freshman and sophomore years.

High School Scholarship Program – Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to high school seniors or graduates who have not enrolled as a full-time college student. Scholarships are awarded for most majors. To apply for a scholarship visit www.afrotc.com. **The deadline to apply for an AFROTC scholarship is December.**

Historically, West Virginia University has offered all High School Scholarship winners a waiver that ensures tuition will not exceed the scholarship cap. In the past, WVU has also offered room and board scholarships to High School Scholarship winners.

WVU AFROTC Subsidies

The WVU Alumni Association also offers \$8,000 worth of scholarships each year through the Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund to deserving AFROTC cadets from West Virginia. Also available is a \$1,000 Joseph P. Bongiorno Memorial Scholarship Award given annually to an AFROTC cadet based on merit. In addition, WVU Presidential Scholarship recipients may apply up to 100% of their scholarship towards room and board for the length of their AFROTC scholarship.

AFROTC Enrollment

Entering Freshmen: During Fall Semester, sign up for USAF 131 and USAF 100. During Spring Semester, sign up for USAF 132 and USAF 100.

Entering Sophomores: During Fall Semester, sign up for USAF 131, USAF 251, and USAF 100. During Spring Semester, sign up for USAF 132, USAF 252, and USAF 100.

Students at Fairmont State University and Waynesburg University must contact AFROTC Det 915 cadre to complete the registration process.

USAF 131/132: Foundations of Air Force.

Survey course that introduces students to the United States Air Force. It provides an overview of the basic characteristics, missions, and organization of the Air Force. The course includes an overview of AFROTC and AFROTC special programs.

USAF 251/252: Aerospace Power.

Designed to provide a fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building. Students will learn methods and perspectives on self-assessment, followership, problem solving, motivation, human relations, and ethical decision making.

USAF 371/372: Leadership Studies.

Designed to build on the leadership fundamentals taught in USAF 251/252. Students will learn about leadership, management, professional knowledge, leadership ethics, and communication skills required of an Air Force officer. Case studies are used as a means of exercising practical application of concepts.

USAF 481/482: National Security Studies and Preparation for Active Duty.

Examines the national security process, regional studies, leadership ethics, and USAF doctrine. Topics include the military as a profession, officership, military justice, civilian control of the military, active duty preparation, and issues affecting military professionalism.

USAF 100: Leadership Laboratory.

Hands-on portion of AFROTC training. Professional Officer Course cadets will plan and lead training for General Military Course cadets. Activities include a dynamic and integrated grouping of leadership developmental activities designed to meet the Air Force's needs and expectations of its prospective Air Force officers and complement the AFROTC academic program. Leadership Laboratory enrollment is restricted to AFROTC cadets.

Monthly Stipend Amounts for Contracted Cadets:

AS100 (Freshmen) - \$300

AS200 (Sophomores) - \$350

AS300 (Juniors) - \$450

AS400 (Seniors) - \$500

This is a tax-free stipend that is paid directly to the student's bank account.



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