

MARINE OPTION NROTC



SCHOLARSHIP

2011-12 Applicant Guide

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- 100% compensation for tuition, computer lab fees, and textbooks.
- Additionally, you will receive a household allowance of \$250 per month, and all required uniforms. Students may apply for a 5th year of scholarship benefits if needed. Tutoring services are available as well.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a United States citizen.
- Must be 17 years old by September 1st of the year starting college and less than 23 on June 30th of that year.
- Must be found physically qualified by Marine Corps standards.
- Must be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate.
- No moral or personal convictions which would prevent you from bearing arms in defense of the United States.
- Plan on becoming a full-time student, working toward a Baccalaureate Degree at a institution participating in the program.

NROTC CURRICULUM:

In addition to the academic course load required for your Baccalaureate Degree, you are also required to complete a Naval Science curriculum. Subject matter includes customs and courtesies, naval history, weapon systems, and amphibious warfare.

Midshipmen are required to wear uniforms once a week during battalion training and for other activities from time to time.

During the summer, midshipmen take part in training cruises. These cruises provide a unique opportunity for midshipmen to explore all aspects of Navy and Marine Corps career fields.

Finally, the summer following your junior year of college, three years of training and growing as a leader will be tested. You will attend 6 weeks of Officer Candidates School in Quantico, VA.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT:

Upon graduation, you are commissioned a Second Lieutenant and begin four years of active duty by attending The Basic School (TBS) at Quantico, VA. Following TBS, you will receive additional training in an occupational field like aviation, infantry, engineering, artillery, communications, logistics, or computer science, to name a few.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Begin the application process by contacting your NROTC Scholarship Coordinator (Capt. O'Neil) or your local Marine Corps recruiter.

- ☐ Take the ACT or SAT as early as possible and authorize the testing agency to release your scores directly to the NROTC Scholarship Program (program code 0656). Your high school counselor is available to assist you in the test registration process.*

Note: Ensure your social security number, date of birth, and the spelling of your name are accurate and matches that indicated on your applicant questionnaire.

- ☐ Ensure you have an original copy of your birth certificate. The Scholarship Coordinator will need to sight the original to make a "certified true copy."

- ☐ Begin filling out the "Navy-Marine Corps NROTC Scholarship Programs Application Forms available online at <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

- ☐ Take the Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT).

- ☐ Interview with two Marine Corps Officers. Schedule interviews with the recruiting station Executive Officer, Capt. Tim O'Neil.

***** Dress appropriately for the interview as a full length photo will be taken for inclusion in your application package.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The following criteria are considered during the final selection process. Being well rounded in all areas is a plus, however, a particular strength in one area can balance deficiencies in others.

Grades:

The Selection Board not only takes into account GPA and class standing, but also the course load. Honors and advanced placement classes, as well as strong extra-curricular activities and leadership positions often offset slightly lower GPAs.

College Entrance Exams:

Minimum scores to be considered "Board Eligible," are either a SAT score of 1000, a combined ACT score of 22 (composite) or a 74 on the ASVAB (SAT/ACT still needed for entrance into a University).

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Varsity athletics
- Drama club, speech team, debate team
- Yearbook staff, school paper

Leadership:

- Team Captain / Club President
- Class President / Student Body Government
- Eagle Scout / Patrol Leader / JROTC (officer)
- Boys'/Girls' State Delegate / B/G Nation

Physical Fitness:

All applicants are required to take a Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The PFT consists of three events, each event worth a maximum of 100 points for a total of 300.

- 1) 3 mile timed run
- 2) Two minute timed crunches
- 3) Dead arm hang pull-ups (males)
Flexed-arm hang (females)

IMPROVING YOUR CHANCES:

The importance of establishing and maintaining contact with the NROTC Scholarship Coordinator cannot be overstated. The Scholarship Coordinator can provide immediate answers to most questions about the program, and has the resources available to research answers to the more difficult ones. Additionally, he can provide timely feedback on the status of your application package and provide suggestions on how you may strengthen it.

Plan to take the ACT or SAT before mid-October, this will allow you to submit your application for the early selection board. Each year, approximately 20-40% of the scholarships are awarded by the early board, and those packages not selected are automatically rolled to the regular board.

Prior to your interview, complete as much of your application as possible. This will allow you and the Scholarship Coordinator to review the forms together and correct any simple mistakes on the spot. Additionally, putting a list of your school activities and awards, sports and team activities, as well as community activities and awards in resume format helps to facilitate the interview process. An example of such a resume is available upon request.

“Letters of Recommendation” from Marine veterans or employers may also assist in “painting a picture” of the applicant. These letters should discuss your current work ethic, leadership skills and potential, as well as any other favorable character traits or accomplishments. Submit no more than three of these letters, and limit each of them to one typed page.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: May I apply for other service scholarships?

A: Yes, you may apply to all service academies, and the Air Force and Army ROTC. However, you may only apply for the NROTC scholarship through one source, either the Navy or the Marine Corps. By applying for NROTC through the Marine Corps you are declaring your desire to be a Marine Option midshipman, thus pursuing a commission through the Marine Corps.

Q: What is my commitment to the Marine Corps?

A: Your commitment to the United States Government, starts once you begin your sophomore year of college. You incur NO obligation by submitting your Preliminary Application or accepting the scholarship.

Q: May I only attend schools where there is an NROTC unit?

A: While only NROTC host universities offer the NROTC curriculum required by program guidelines, many of the NROTC units have “cross-town” agreements with other institutions in the near geographic vicinity. The Scholarship Coordinator may be able to provide some insight into NROTC units with cross-town arrangements.

Q: What kinds of jobs are available to Marine Corps Officers?

A: The Marine offers more than 150 different Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) for Officers. Some examples are Infantry, Engineering, Intelligence, Communications, Logistics, and Aviation.

Q: Does the Marine Corps have guaranteed flight slots available?

A: YES! The Marine Corps guarantees flight slots to individuals based upon their qualifications and the needs of the Marine Corps.

Q: Are there opportunities for females to become pilots or work in the aviation field?

A: YES! The Marine Corps encourages all Officers to seek the MOS of their choice, including Aviation.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Mar	Begin accepting Application Questionnaires
Apr	Earliest applicant data can be entered into system
May	Schedule and take either ACT or SAT TRAIN FOR AND TAKE A PFT
Jun	First date interviews may be scheduled
Oct	Package deadline for early board
Nov	Early board in session
Jan	Package deadline for regular board
Feb	Regular board in session

TEST DATES:

<u>ACT</u>	(For more info call 319-337-1270)
Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/currentdates.html>

<u>SAT</u>	(For more info call 609-771-7600)
Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012

Check online at:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html>

POINT OF CONTACT:

The Marine Option four year NROTC Scholarship Coordinator is Captain Tim O'Neil. If available, please use email for correspondence and insert 'NROTC' in the message's subject line.

Address:

Marine Corps Recruiting Station
(Attn: NROTC Coord.)
5600 W American Blvd, Ste 280
Bloomington, MN 55401

Phone: 612-919-3949 or 612-725-3198

Fax: 612-725-3233 (To: Capt. O'Neil/ Subj: NROTC)

Email: timothy.oneil@marines.usmc.mil

(Use 'NROTC' in subject line)