Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AROTC)

MTSU students can earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army, Army Reserve (USAR), or Army National Guard (ARNG) while pursuing either undergraduate or graduate studies.

Army ROTC provides multiple paths for students to obtain their commissions. Entry-level military science training during the freshman and sophomore years consists of basic rifle marksmanship, rappelling, leadership development, and orienteering. There is no military service obligation during this phase. Students may use two military science courses in lieu of two PHED requirements. Students with prior military service may receive academic credit for the first two years. Students who have not taken any military science classes by the end of their sophomore year may receive placement credit by attending Camp Challenge conducted each summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Pay for summer camp is approximately $640.

At the beginning of the junior year, students begin Advanced ROTC training built around leadership assessment and practical application of their management and leadership skills. Airborne, Air Assault, and Northern Warfare training are also available to students after completing Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, between their junior and senior years. All advanced training students receive a $250 monthly subsistence allowance. Full-time employment upon graduation is available for those students who are selected for an initial three- or four-year active duty assignment.

Scholarships: Army ROTC offers three- and two-year on-campus scholarships each year to qualified enrolled and non-enrolled military science students. These scholarships pay for registration, books, and lab fees, in addition to the monthly subsistence allowance. Scholarship recipients may be selected for initial active duty assignments or reserve assignments.

Further information concerning AROTC may be obtained by consulting the Military Science Department course offerings in this catalog, listed under the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, or by writing
Army ROTC
Military Science Department
Middle Tennessee State University, P.O. Box 52
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
or calling (615) 898-2470 or tollfree 1-888-MT-AROTC.

Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AFROTC)

In cooperation with Tennessee State University, MTSU makes available the opportunity for MTSU students to participate in the Air Force ROTC Program. The program is designed to prepare students who desire to serve in the United States Air Force for officer commission. The program provides training and education that will develop skills and attitudes vital to the professional Air Force officer. Students are eligible to compete for scholarships of two-, three-, and three-and-one-half-years duration. All juniors and seniors who are able to maintain a 2.65 GPA or above are awarded a POC Incentive scholarship of $3,000 per year, $480 for books, and $200 per month during the school year.

Students who participate in the Air Force ROTC Program must be enrolled at MTSU. Students are also jointly enrolled at TSU and participate in Air Force ROTC classes and aerospace studies in Nashville on the TSU campus. MTSU will accept some credits in aerospace studies applicable to the degree. For more information, contact the unit admissions officer by writing
AFROTC Detachment 790
Tennessee State University
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37209-1561
or calling (615) 963-5931.