Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AROTC)

MTSU students can earn commissions as second lieutenants 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 consist of leadership development training. There is no military service obligation during this phase. 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 the Leader Training Course, conducted each summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Cadets receive pay for the training.

At the beginning of the junior year, students begin Advanced ROTC training built around leadership assessment and practical application of their management and leadership schools. Airborne, Air Assault, and other military schools are available to students. Cadets attend a leader training course during the summer between their junior and senior years. All advanced training students receive a 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

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Military Science Department
Middle Tennessee State University, P.O. Box 52
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
or by calling (615) 898-2470 or toll-free 1-888-MT-AROTC
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Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AFROTC)

MTSU students may participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at Detachment 790 on the campus of Tennessee State University. Air Force students at MTSU can earn a minor in Military Science through a cooperative program between TSU and MTSU. Air Force ROTC provides pre-commissioning training to college students (male and female) who desire to serve as officers in the U.S. Air Force (USAF).

High school students may also apply for the Air Force High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) online at www.AFROTC.com. The application deadline is typically December 1 of the student’s senior year. Detailed eligibility requirements are available on the Air Force Web site.

As Air Force ROTC cadets, students can compete for scholarships that may cover all or a significant portion of tuition costs. In addition, cadets earn a monthly stipend of up to $500 tax-free and up to $900 per academic year to pay for textbooks.

Cadets are required to attend Air Force classes and lab in uniform one day per week. One summer, typically between the sophomore and junior year, cadets must attend a four-week military training session. The combination of USAF military education, training, and college-level curriculum offers cadets a broad-based knowledge of management, leadership, and technical skills.

The minimum eligibility requirements are as follows: U.S. citizen, thirty years old or younger on December 31 of the year of graduation (exception—prior enlisted), meet USAF height and weight standards, pass a physical fitness test, have a 2.0+ cumulative college GPA, and pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (a USAF-unique academic aptitude test similar to the ACT/SAT).

Although the USAF will accept students from any accredited academic major, there is a critical need for technical majors such as engineers (all disciplines) and those with foreign language proficiency. Upon graduation, cadets will earn commissions as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force and will have the opportunity to serve a minimum of four years on active duty.

For more information, visit www.AFROTC.com or telephone Detachment 790’s Unit Admissions Officer at (615) 963-5931. You may also visit Detachment 790’s Web site at www.tnstate.edu/rotc.