

Rutgers University Army ROTC

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Inbound Cadets,

Greetings! I'm pleased to welcome you to the Scarlet Knight Battalion. This begins your journey into Commission in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. Rutgers University and the Army ROTC program have a 106 year partnership that started 1914. During this time Scarlet Knight Battalion Officer have honorably served in every major conflict our Nation was involved. You're joining a long lineage of heroes, men and women that have volunteered to defend our nation against all its enemies both foreign and domestic. I'm proud of your decision and thank you for joining the profession of Arms.

This is the first of several updates we will send between now and your August arrival at Rutgers. This bulletin will not only provide some pertinent insights about Army ROTC but also facilitate your integration into our program. Ideally, the information provided in your welcome letter will answer many of the commonly asked questions, while addressing the most significant concerns raised by prospects and their families. Indeed, be mindful that some of information included may not be applicable to your specific situation. While the end of the school year is cause for celebration, please be safe over the summer. My Staff and I look forward to meeting you, and wish you all the best as you pursue your various endeavors.

- Javier A. Cortez, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science"

- Important Information -

Rutgers University New Student Orientation (NSO):

The Winter Orientation Session: Rutgers University New Student Orientation (NSO) is a requirement for all first-year and transfer students enrolling at Rutgers for the Spring 2021 semester. More information can be found at: <https://nso.rutgers.edu/orientation-programs/>

Virtual Orientation Sessions:

Monday, January 11, 2021: 10am - 1:30pm EST
Tuesday, January 12, 2021: 1pm - 4:30pm EST
Wednesday, January 13, 2021: 5pm - 8:30pm EST

Message from the New Student Orientation and Family Programs

The mission of New Student Orientation and Family Programs is to welcome, prepare, and engage new students and their families in their transition to Rutgers University – New Brunswick. Due to the impact of COVID-19, we will be implementing a virtual orientation experience for all incoming students and their families. We recognize this experience may be different than what you anticipated, but we are dedicated to still providing you an intentional and engaging experience. You will have an opportunity to learn about tools and resources available to you as a Rutgers student, tips and strategies to best navigate the campus, and connect with other new students and student leaders.

Steps to Register for the New Student Orientation

1. Activate your Rutgers NetID
2. Create your Rutgers University Zoom account
3. Take your Rutgers ID photo for your student ID
4. Navigate to your myRutgers Dashboard to select your Virtual Orientation Date

Links included on <https://nso.rutgers.edu/orientation-programs/>

Rutgers University Army ROTC New Cadet Reception & Integration - 22 January, 2020



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Scarlet Knight Cadet leadership

Future Cadet,

On behalf of the senior class, I would like to welcome you to the Scarlet Knight Battalion! I am Cadet Kharboutli and I will be serving as your Cadet Battalion Commander for the upcoming Spring 2021 term. I am happy to know you have interest in joining our program!

We are living in uncertain times with much of our education being delivered solely online, however, as Army ROTC cadets and future officers, we will continue to train and prepare for what the future has in store for us, and, fortunately, this upcoming Spring term will give us the opportunity to once again conduct in-person physical and tactical training. On January 22nd, we will be conducting an In-Processing brief which will provide information about the battalion that will help integrate you into the program and demonstrate what exactly we do here at Rutgers Army ROTC.

If you are interested in learning more about the program and some of the cadet incentives, have any questions, or you are interested in attending our In-Processing brief this January, do not hesitate to email the cadet leadership at:

ScarletKnightBattalion@gmail.com and we can help get you oriented for this upcoming Spring term. The cadet leadership and I are excited to meet you all come this January!

- CDT BC Mohammad S. Kharboutli

Contracting / Enrollment Preparation:

While only inbound freshman (Military Science level I Cadets) who are **ADMINISTRATIVELY QUALIFIED** 4yr Scholarship Winners, will contract during the upcoming spring term, we will also look to contract eligible sophomores/juniors (Military Science level II/III Cadets) who are returning (including MSII 3yr scholarship awardees) or, who are integrating via lateral entry. Our priority is to have ALL 4yr scholarship winners and MSII 3yr advanced designee awardees front-loaded for contracting, followed by MSII/III's. To achieve this, many requirements can be completed over the summer. Ideally, individuals who are just joining the program and seeking to enroll/contract will secure, and make available the following documents prior to start of Academic Year 20-21 (AY20-21) Individuals should download/save associated forms in editable PDF format. (USACC forms may be found at the following link: https://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/forms_pubs.aspx)

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Social Security Card
- High School & College Transcripts (As applicable)
- ACT/SAT Score sheet
- DD Form 214 (For prior active duty service members or individuals currently serving in US Army Reserve/National Guard)
- Copy of immunization records (Rutgers University also requires for admission)
- DA Form 3425-R, signed by a Medical Doctor (only required if DODMERB is pending/incomplete)
 - o Primary care physician signs this form, confirming no limiting medical conditions.
 - o DODMERB **Qualified** personnel do **NOT** need to complete this form.
 - o **ALL OTHER CADETS** must complete this form in order to participate in any training.
- USACC Form 139-R, Cadet Enrollment Record (first two pages only)
- USACC Form 136-R, Government Sponsored Benefits
- USACC Form 137-R, Access to Student Records
- Dental Information Form (Name, Office Address, Office Phone Number)
- *** Copy of Selective Service Number (Males Only)
- *** Copy of Passport (if applicable)
- *** SF 1199A-97, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (NEEDS APPROVAL FROM BANK)

***** ONLY FOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Commonly used terms/acronyms

APFT = Army Physical Fitness Test **ARNG** = Army National Guard

Contracting = Official commitment to military service in Army ROTC; can be scholarship or non-scholarship

DODMERB = Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board

Enrollment = Completion of specific administrative requirements to establish eligibility to participate in Army ROTC

FTX = Field Training Exercise

GRFD = Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (typically in scholarship context)

IPFU = Improved Physical Fitness Uniform

MSL = Military Science & Leadership Level (e.g., MSI = Freshman)

NSO = New Student Orientation

OCP = Operational Camouflage Pattern

OML = Order of Merit List

PMS = Professor of Military Science

PRT = Physical Readiness Training

ROO = Recruiting Operations Officer

ROTC = Reserve Officers Training Corps

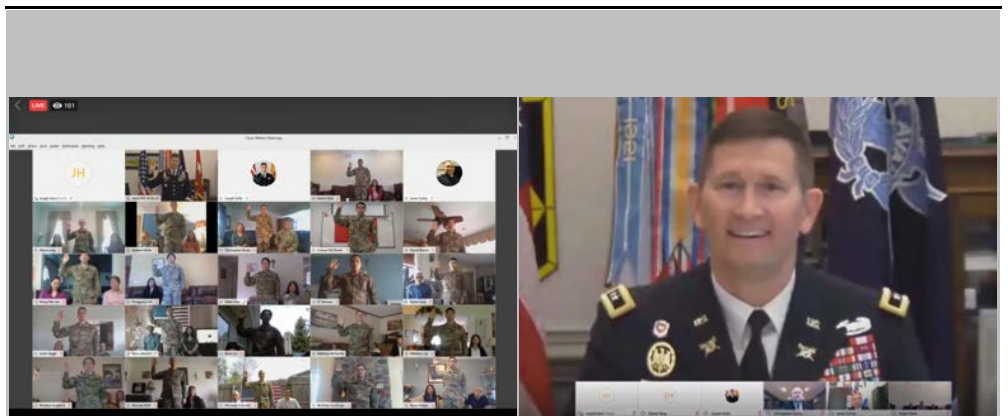
USACC = United States Army Cadet Command

USAR = United States Army Reserve

Minor in Military Science - The Professor of Military Science with the approval of the Rutgers University Faculty Senate, is pleased to announce that students are eligible to be awarded a Minor in Military Science commencing AY 19-20. This is particularly advantageous for students enrolled/contracted in US Army, US Air Force, and US Navy/Marine Corps ROTC programs who will now be recognized for the efforts. In most cases, enrolled/contracted students may opt to take the Minor in Military Science in lieu of another minor.

Commissioning ceremony Highlights

New Brunswick, NJ - 19 May 2020; Despite COVID restrictions, 23 members of the Scarlet Knight Battalion class of 2020 were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in a virtual ceremony over Cisco Webex. Major General Donald Jackson, Deputy The Inspector General, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of office to the commissioning class.



– Frequently Asked Questions –

Question: What does the scholarship provide?

- **Answer :** Scholarship Winners:
 - o All tuition costs and required student fees are covered by the Army ROTC scholarship
 - o Book expense up to \$1200 annually
 - o Room and Board (Dining) fees are the responsibility of the student
 - o Important Note: While the tuition/fees may appear resolved (after the bill is published), they are not OFFICIALLY resolved until Cadets meet ALL administrative requirements (medical, paperwork, administrative, etc.) and officially contract
- 3yr Advanced Designee and Campus Based competitors must resolve their entire bills to complete registration.

Question: I'm a 3yr AD winner; is it possible to upgrade that to a 4yr?

Answer: The national scholarship process is closed, and it's unlikely they will upgrade any 3yr AD winners to 4yr, at this point. We prepare all 3yr AD winners to contract immediately, in order to prepare for that possibility, but it is very unlikely.

Question: Are there any additional clothing items I need to complete my Army ROTC uniform?

Answer: All required uniforms and equipment are provided to cadets; That said, there are several common and inexpensive items needed to complete or augment Cadet uniforms:

- White or black ankle socks (compliant with AR 670-1)
- Running Shoes
- Black polo shirt (solid or with Rutgers logo)
- Khaki pants

Question: How do I 'apply' for an Army ROTC Scholarship?

Answer: Enrollment and participation in Army ROTC classes and events are the first steps to compete for a scholarship. A scholarship board is scheduled for the beginning of September, and more requirements will be published at a later time. There is no formal application, rather a series of specific steps to ensure you are administratively eligible to earn a scholarship. The key is regular attendance and engaged participation.

Question: What's the likelihood of earning a scholarship in ROTC?

Answer: Scholarship availability is determined by US Army needs and is rarely published in advance. The keys to earning a scholarship are, 1) working hard and achieving the highest possible GPA, 2) working to achieve a high APFT score as early as possible (start working out this summer), and 3) completing administrative requirements for contracting eligibility ASAP. Often times, scholarship awards go to the **highest performing** and **most prepared cadets**. If a scholarship is available at the end of the fall 2019 semester and a cadet has not completed their DODMERB, they may be skipped on the Order of Merit List (OML) for a cadet who meets all administrative criteria.

Question: How much do uniforms and equipment cost?

Answer: All required uniforms and equipment are provided to cadets; this includes food and lodging during extended training events.

Question: Do I need to get boots/bags/gear/? What boots/bag/gear should I get? Where should I get these boots/bag/gear?

Answer: First off, all Cadets are issued the equipment they need to conduct training. It may take until the 2nd-3rd weeks of the semester, but everyone will have what they need to complete activities they are asked to conduct. That being said, there are always better things out there. With all equipment, refer back to AR 670-1 for uniform compliance.

Question: What's the commitment for participating in Army ROTC?

Answer: Until a cadet officially contracts with Army ROTC, either scholarship or non-scholarship, there is no obligation to the US Army. Once a cadet contracts they incur an 8x year 'block' of a service obligation. The structure of that commitment is different, depending on the type of contract and/or scholarship money the individual accepted.

- Contract with Active Duty scholarship – The first 4x years are served on Active Duty; the remaining 4x can be fulfilled while on Active Duty, reserve component (ARNG, USAR) or Inactive Readiness Reserve (IRR = name on readiness list; rarely used) - OR - Cadets may request a direct commission into a Reserve Component (ARNG/USAR) and serve 8x years that way
- Contract with GRFD scholarship – All 8x years are served in the USAR or ARNG
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- Non-Scholarship - If commissioning onto Active Duty, the first 3x years are served on Active Duty; remaining 5x years can be fulfilled on Active Duty, in a reserve component (ARNG, USAR) or on IRR

Note: If commissioning into a reserve component, the first 6x component (1x weekend per month; 1x week per active ARNG/USAR service or IRR

8yr Service Obligation								
Commission / Scholarship Status	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Active Duty Commission + Scholarship (4yr, 3yr AD, STEM, Nursing)	Initial ADSO				AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR			
Active Duty Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ADSO			AD, ARNG/USAR or IRR				
Reserve Forces Commission + Scholarship (Dedicated ARNG/USAR, GRFD)	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation							
Reserve Forces Commission + Non-Scholarship	Initial ARNG/USAR Service Obligation						ARNG/USAR or IRR	

Acronyms
AD - Active Duty
ADSO - Active Duty Service Obligation
ARNG - Army National Guard
IRR - Inactive Readiness Reserve
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
USAR - US Army Reserve