

Rutgers University Army ROTC

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Inbound Cadets,

Greetings! I'm pleased to welcome you to the Scarlet Knight Battalion. 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 this newsletter 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. We look forward to meeting you, and wish you all the best as you pursue your various endeavors.

- Kevin W. Siegrist, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science

- Important Information -

Rutgers University New Student Orientation (NSO):

June – August: Rutgers University New Student Orientation (NSO) is a requirement for all inbound students. More information can be found at: <http://nso.rutgers.edu/orientationprograms/>

First Year Sessions

Monday, June 17- Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Thursday, June 20 – Friday, June 21, 2019
Monday, June 24 – Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Wednesday, June 26 – Friday, June 28, 2019 (Out of State Only)
Monday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Monday, July 8 – Tuesday, July 9, 2019 (Honors College Only)
Thursday, July 11 – Friday, July 12, 2019
Monday, July 15 – Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Thursday, July 18 – Friday, July 19, 2019
Monday, July 22 – Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Monday, July 29 – Tuesday, July 30, 2019
Thursday, August 1 – Friday, August 2, 2019
Monday, August 5 – Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Thursday, August 8, 2019 – Friday, August 9, 2019

Transfer Sessions

Wednesday, July 10 (with Extended Evening Option)
Wednesday, July 24
Thursday, July 25 – Friday, July 26 (Overnight Program/combined with STAR Day)
Wednesday, August 7
Monday, August 12 (Evening Consolidated Program)

Orientation programs will take place at the Livingston Student Center on the Livingston Campus located at 84 Joyce Kilmer Avenue in Piscataway, NJ 08854. Additional information regarding parking arrangements and daily schedules will be provided to students via email after date selection. Students can sign up now for a summer session Enrollment Pathway.

Rutgers University Army ROTC New Cadet Reception & Integration - 29/30 August, 2019



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Scarlet Knight Cadet leadership

Future Cadet,

On behalf of the Senior Class I'd like to welcome you all to the Scarlet Knight Battalion. My name is Nicholas Incollingo and I will be your Cadet Battalion Commander for the upcoming Fall 2018 semester. I know it may seem a bit early to be thinking about next school year already but at Rutgers Army ROTC we want to ensure you are prepared for the upcoming semester. On August 28th at 10am (1000 hrs.) I am coordinating early move-in with Rutgers for everyone and their families. On that day myself and a team of cadets will help move everyone into their dorm rooms. Once the move-in is complete all the Cadets will meet at the Army ROTC building to give you your physical training uniform. On August 29th all new and interested Cadets will conduct an in-processing brief to expedite your integration into the program. Following the briefs and filling out of required documents, the new cadets and contracted cadets will play sports for a short time. The event is to allow of the Cadets to formally meet and reduce the integration period. The tentative time line for the briefs is from 8am to 1pm (0800 to 1300 hrs.) (including lunch) and sports from 1300 to 1500.

There are a few requirements that I have for you so that I can prepare for the event: Reply to this email by contacting the Cadet leadership at RutgersROTCcadet@gmail.com with the following information:

Full name

Gender

RUID

Where you will be living (campus and building if you know it.)

Major

T-Shirt size

Do not hesitate to ask any questions prior to the beginning of the semester and you can contact us at

RutgersROTCcadet@gmail.com. The email account will be monitored throughout the summer which will enable us to give you quick feedback to any questions you may have.

Contracting / Enrollment Preparation:

While only inbound freshman (Military Science level I Cadets) who are **ADMINISTRATIVELY QUALIFIED** 4yr Scholarship Winners, will contract during the upcoming fall 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 administratively ready to contract on the first day of the fall semester with all other MSII/IIIs ready before the end of the fall semester. 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 19-20 (AY19-20) 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 - 21 May 2019, 17 members of the Scarlet Knight Battalion class of 2019 were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the College Ave Student Center. General Mark A. Milley, The 39th Chief of Staff of the Army 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