

Marine Option

NROTC

(Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps)

4 Year Scholarship Program

The Benefits

- Pays **full tuition**, lab fees, books, and uniforms **valued at more than \$180,000.** Schools with more expensive tuition may increase the value to more than **\$250,000.**
- Provides leadership opportunities/development
- Structured academic environment
- Provides a monthly stipend (\$250-\$400 based on class year)
- Room and board may also be covered – but is university specific. Can apply for other civilian scholarships to cover remaining room and board.
- Earn a Commission as a Marine Officer after College Graduation



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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\$ 180,000

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

MEMO NROTC SCHOLARSHIP



Eligibility Requirements

- U. S. Citizen
- 17-23 years of age upon entering the NROTC program
- No criminal record or pending federal or civilian offenses
- Be one of the following:
 - High School Junior (can begin application as early as end of Spring Semester),
 - High School Senior on track to graduate
 - High School Graduate who will have <30 credit hours college in upcoming Spring semester and not already attending a 4-year College. Community and 2-year college students may apply if they meet the credit hour limit. Students attending 4-year colleges should pursue the Platoon Leader's Class Program or NROTC 2-3 year scholarships if they are attending a school that has an NROTC unit
- Active duty and reserve enlisted Marines may apply with additional conditional release paperwork approval from their command.

Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

- Minimum of **1000 SAT** (critical reading and math combined) or **22 ACT** (composite), or a minimum of **74** on the Armed Services Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB).
 - *SAT/ACT scores must be from same single test, no superscores. Most recent test, and best equivalent test of each type used.
- Pursuing enrollment and eventually be accepted at participating NROTC college or university.*
 - Over 150 schools nationwide. Scholarship acceptance is separate from college acceptance
 - Be in Marine Corps height/weight standards and complete a 2nd Class Physical Fitness (PFT) test or better

Well Known Top/Ivy League Schools with NROTC

- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- Princeton
- University of Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Berkeley
- Notre Dame
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Cornell University
- Columbia University
- Georgetown University
- Vanderbilt University
- Northwestern University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Southern California
- Yale University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Rice University



Well Known Local/State Schools with NROTC

- University of Utah
 - Weber State University
 - Westminster College
 - San Diego State University
 - University of San Diego
 - University of Idaho
 - University of Colorado
 - University of Hawaii
 - Arizona State University
 - University of Arizona
 - University of Maryland
 - Oregon State University
 - Miami University
 - University of California – Los Angeles
 - Texas A&M University
 - University of Florida
 - University of Texas
 - University of Washington
- *Full list of all 150+ schools available online



Obligation

- NO Obligation for Freshmen. Can quit program with no debt or military commitment until start of Sophomore Year
- At beginning of Sophomore Year, military service is required upon graduation. Those who get dropped from the program after this point will be required to pay back money or serve enlisted.
- Upon graduation you will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the USMC
 - Standard 4 yrs Active Duty (Full-Time)/4 yrs Individual Ready Reserve (on the shortlist to be called if total war or national emergency occurs) commitment
- Opportunity to get guaranteed Flight (pilot) Contract if eligible. Flight training requires additional active duty obligated time and Flight School



College Academic Requirements

- Select any undergraduate major
 - STEM majors preferred but not required
- Enroll in a regular (fulltime) course load
- Maintain good academic standing
 - Must not drop below a 2.0 GPA

School Year

- Officership Training
 - (1) Naval class per semester
 - Wear Uniform To Class on certain days
 - Uniforms Are Provided while in NROTC
- Naval/Marine Corps Science Lab (2-3 Hours)
 - Various Activities
 - Leadership Opportunities
- Physical Training 1-3 times per week



Summer Training

- **First summer**, “Cortramid” (Core Training for Midshipmen)
 - At conclusion of Freshman year, designed to help individual confirm in their mind what Service they want, Navy or Marine Corps option.
 - Broad-scoped view of Navy and Marines
 - Time on submarines (including underway)
 - Time on ships (including time underway)
 - Marine/Navy aviation (includes aircraft rides)
 - Marine Week
 - Weapons live-fire training
 - Urban warfare (mock takedown of combat town)
 - Road marches (day and night)
 - Small-unit tactics, patrols, ambushes, etc



Summer Training



- **Second** summer, Marine-specific training
 - “MCMWTC” – Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Ca.
 - Mountain survival skills and field craft
 - Small-unit tactics and movement through mountainous terrain between 6k and 12k feet elev.
 - Demonstration of learned skills through tactical leadership situations
 - Amphibious Warfare Cruise
 - Attach to a Marine unit (usually on an amphib) for 4-6 weeks
 - Attach to a unit within the FMF



Summer Training

- **Third** summer, “OCS,” Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia
 1. **Academics:** Weapons, Military Subjects, Tactics, Compass Course, Drill, Land navigation, Leadership, History
 2. **Physical training:** Physical Fitness Test, Combat Readiness Test, Obstacle Course, Endurance Course
 3. **Leadership:** Leadership Readiness Course, Small-Unit Leadership Evaluations, Command Evaluation



How To Start Application

- ****Contact your Local NROTC Coordinator for in-person requirements and paperwork** Info at end of slide-deck**
- Start Online Application: Go to <https://www.netc.navy.mil/NSTC/NROTC/>
- Scroll and click “apply,” click “NROTC Online Application Login,” click “register”. Select “Marine Corps Option”
- Apply to at least 5 eligible NROTC colleges or universities simultaneously. Acceptance to a college is not tied to the NROTC Scholarship. Scholarship winners will be assigned to colleges based on applicant’s preferences, availability of scholarships per school, and applicant’s national rankings. Full list of schools that offer NROTC programs: <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/colleges.cfm>
- Scholarship winners can request to change the school their scholarship is assigned to based on which schools they are actually accepted to or personal preference.

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New Student Indoctrination

The 2023 online scholarship application is now open.

We are aware of the challenges that you may be facing in scheduling your DoDMERB exams and/or remedial testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Be assured that we are continuing to process all medical information received. Your scholarship offer is still valid while you are pending your physical qualification review.

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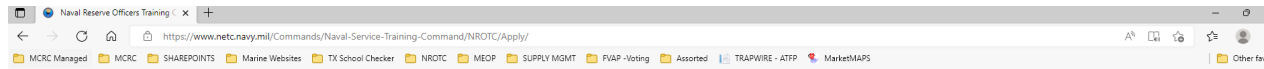
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APPLY



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must use the online application to complete and submit all the required information in order to apply for the Navy ROTC scholarship.

This online application is extensive and may require several hours to complete. You are able to start the application and save your progress as you complete each section. We have provided an Application Information Checklist to assist you in gathering information and to streamline the process of applying for a scholarship.

[Download an Application Information Checklist PDF](#)

Applicants must enter five Navy ROTC affiliated colleges or universities in their scholarship application. If selected, we will try to place your scholarship at your first choice school, but due to limits on the number of scholarships that may be placed at each school, your scholarship may be placed at your second through fifth choice school. The scholarship offer is for a specific school and may not be used at any other NROTC school without prior approval. You must apply to, be accepted at, and enroll in your assigned school in order to utilize the scholarship. Applying to more than just your first choice school will increase the chances for acceptance and enrollment and will therefore increase the opportunities to use a scholarship if selected.

Each applicant must also select an academic program in which he or she intends to major. All academic programs fall into three tiers relative to the Navy's technical needs. [\(See the Scholarship Selection Criteria "Tab" on the "Program-Info" page.\)](#)

Scholarships will be awarded to a NROTC school in conjunction with the academic major and tier the applicant specified on their application. If offered the scholarship, the student is expected to attend the school where their scholarship is placed. If you no longer desire or are not admitted to the school where your scholarship is placed, you may request a change of placement to move your scholarship to another school. If that school has room for another scholarship, we will move your scholarship to that school. If not, you may request to be placed on that school's wait-list and we will try to move your scholarship there if room becomes available. Requests are processed and approved by the NROTC Placement Office. The student must be mindful if they choose a cross-town school that there may be cross-town commuting costs and class timing issues which will need to be resolved. The school you are enrolled in must support the academic major or equivalent for which the scholarship was awarded. Also, the student must have applied for admission to and been accepted at any school they wish to utilize the scholarship.

An example may help clarify this:

Applicant has selected the Navy Option at the beginning of her application. She selects Howard University as her first choice on the scholarship application. She selects her other four choices. She selects Astrophysics (a Tier 2 major) as her intended degree program. If she is selected for a scholarship and it is placed at Howard University, she may only utilize it at Howard University. If she wishes to change the location of the scholarship at any other Navy ROTC affiliated college or university, she must have applied for admission and been accepted at the new school, as well as be approved for the scholarship to be moved to another school. She must declare Astrophysics as her intended major as she may choose another Tier 1 or Tier 2 major.

• [NROTC Online Application Login](#)

• If you experience web browser problems accessing the application, it may be due to your browser settings. [Click here to fix.](#)

If you continue to experience issues with the NETFOCUS site or the application process, please call or email the NETFOCUS team. Their contact page can be found at <https://netfocus.netc.navy.mil/Gateway/ContactUs.aspx>.

Once you've submitted your application, you may update the information in your application until midnight, 31 January.

Requests to change your Program Option (Navy Nurse or Marine) must be submitted at least 1 week prior to the application window closing.



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Common Access Card (CAC) Users

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CAC User Login

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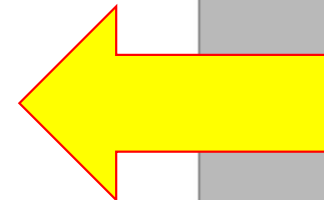
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***Follow the registration instructions and ensure you select Marine Corps Option**

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Application Package

- Online Application (Netfocus)
- NROTC Paper Application
 - Drug statement
 - Tattoo screening
 - Etc.
- PFT physician recommendation
- PFT parental consent (Under 18)
- PFT Score (2nd Class or better)
 proctored by Marine Recruiters
- Official Transcripts
- Test Scores
- 2 Officer Interviews
- Counselor eval sheet
- Teacher eval sheet
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Number
- Hold Harmless Agreement
- ****The local Marine Recruiting Station NROTC Coordinator will help facilitate this paperwork**
- Medical screening (DODMERB)
 is not required until winning the scholarship

How are Winners Selected? We value the “Whole Person Concept,” failure to meet all of these recommendations does not prevent winning of scholarship. We value character and improvement just as much as the scores themselves.

- **High SAT/ACT/ASVAB Scores**
- **Class Standing (Top 30% recommended)**
- **Cumulative GPA (3.0 or higher recommended)**
- **Athletics and extracurricular activities**
- **Student Government/Leadership in activities**
- **Community service/employment**
- **Involvement in JROTC/Sea Cadets/Civil Air Patrol/Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program**
- **High First Class Physical Fitness Test**
https://www.fitness.marines.mil/pft-cft_standards17/
- **Two Marine officer interview results***
- **Three teacher evaluations' comments**
- **Three essay questions**

Selection Boards

- Applying **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** will give you higher chances of attaining scholarship and shows initiative and updated scores can be submitted up until the final deadline.
- **Early Board (highly recommended): Applications due**
- **1 October 2023**
 - Board convenes middle of October.
 - Results in December. Non-selectee's applications will automatically be reboarded for Regular Board. Updated/better scores can also be submitted up until the Regular Board deadline.
- **Regular Board: Applications due 26 January 2024**
 - Board convenes in February
 - Results in late March

FAQs Part 1

- **Am I signing up for military service when I apply?**
 - No. You do not incur any military service or obligation by applying alone. You must win the scholarship, accept it, and begin the program through Freshman year before incurring military commitment. If you win and accept the scholarship, you can subsequently deny it up until the first semester starts if you have competing priorities.
- **Can I apply to different military branches?**
 - YES. If you are interested in all branches of military, you can apply to the ROTC scholarship for each branch as well as the Service Academies (USNA, USMA, USAFA, USCGA, USMMA)
- **Does winning the NROTC scholarship guarantee admission to the college/s I chose?**
 - No. You must apply for colleges simultaneously as you apply for the scholarship, but acceptance to a college is not tied to the scholarship. If you win the scholarship, but are not accepted to the college originally assigned, you can request to change which school the scholarship is applied to.

FAQs Part 2

- **Can I apply for Navy and Marine Option NROTC at the same time?**
 - No. Because both the Marine Corps and Navy fall under the Department of the Navy, you can only select one option during the application process
- **Can I switch to a different service if I change my mind?**
 - Yes. It is not uncommon for NROTC members to switch from Navy to Marines or vice versa during the program through Junior year, though additional paperwork and board processes will be required. Transfers to other branches (Army, Air Force) are also possible, but require even more justification and paperwork and may be significantly harder to get approved.
- **Can I apply for the Scholarship and go on my religious mission?**
 - YES. Scholarship winners who wish to attend their mission before college may submit to defer their scholarship until their return. It is HIGHLY recommended to apply while in high school vice after returning from mission due to the requirements needed to apply. Winners must submit a copy of their call to a mission as soon as possible to the selection board.

United States Naval Academy

- Prestigious military academy that is similar to the NROTC program, offering full scholarship (including room, board, and fully funded meals, uniforms, books etc.). Military lifestyle is practically full-time, uniforms in classes, both military and civilian staff
- Must commission as either Marine Corps or Naval Officer upon graduation with minimum 5 years of Active Duty Service
- Consistently in top 20 in most national college rankings, great engineering and liberal arts programs. More summer training and even foreign travel/study abroad programs
- Similar basic eligibility as NROTC except also cannot have any dependents
- Students are technically active duty and supported by medical/dental clinic on campus
- Must also submit application to Congressman/Representative and win nomination – different for each legislator, but deadlines are usually in the fall
- Can take religious mission typically in between freshman and junior years or defer acceptance and take mission before first summer *must meet/submit some acceptance requirements again.
- ***Due to selectiveness of the Naval Academy, HIGHLY recommend applying to NROTC scholarship in addition to Academy**
- Contact NROTC Coordinator for more information or go to <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>



- US News & World Report, 2022 Edition of Best Colleges
 - #1 Top Public Schools
 - #6 National Liberal Arts Colleges (tie)
 - #5 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs
 - #48 Best Undergraduate Teaching (tie)
 - #5 Computer (tie)
 - #5 Mechanical
 - #8 Electrical / Electronic / Communications (tie)
- Forbes, 2021 College Rankings
 - #55 in Top Colleges
 - #13 In Liberal Arts Universities
 - #19 in Public College
 - #25 in the Northeast
- The Princeton Review
 - Ranked #1 Best Science Lab Facilities

Frederick C. Branch NROTC Scholarship

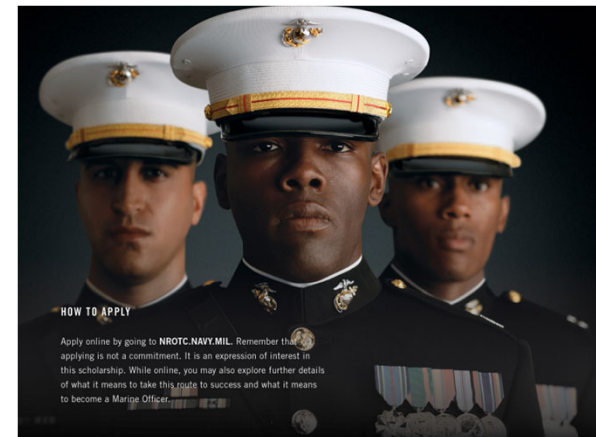
- The Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship is named in honor of the first African-American Marine Corps officer who was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 10 November 1945. This is a subset of the NROTC scholarship. It is available at 16 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Highly recommended for applicants of African American descent to apply for this sub-scholarship.



Capt Frederick C. Branch
1922-2005

- Enlisted in the Marines 1943
- Member of Montford Point Marines
- Received Officer Training at Purdue University
- Earned Bachelor's Degree from Temple University
- Served during Korean War

- Allen University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Dillard University
- Florida A&M University
- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Huston-Tillotson College
- Morehouse College
- Norfolk-State University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Savannah State University
- Southern University and A&M College
- Spelman College
- Tennessee State University
- Texas Southern University
- Tuskegee University
- Xavier University



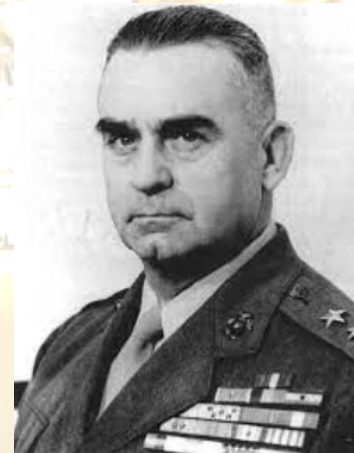
HOW TO APPLY

Apply online by going to NROTC.NAVY.MIL. Remember that applying is not a commitment. It is an expression of interest in this scholarship. While online, you may also explore further details of what it means to take this route to success and what it means to become a Marine Officer.

Pedro Del Valle NROTC Scholarship

- The Pedro Del Valle NROTC Sub-Scholarship is named in honor of the first Hispanic Marine Corps General. Applicants of Hispanic descent are highly recommended to apply for this scholarship. It is available at 4 Historically Hispanic colleges.

- California State at San Marco
- San Diego State University
- University of New Mexico
- Pima Community College – (feeding to Arizona State University)



Lieutenant General
Pedro Del Valle
1893-1978



PEDRO DEL VALLE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

- From Puerto Rico
- Graduated from U.S. Naval Academy
- Served in Cuba, Nicaragua
- Served in WWII-Guadalcanal, Guam
- Achieved rank of 3-star, Lieutenant General

Margaret Brewer NROTC Scholarship

- The Margaret Brewer Leadership Scholarship aims to honor Brigadier General Margaret Brewer's leadership and vision in expanding integration, and the impact of all women who accept the challenge of serving in the Marine Corps. This scholarship is not tied to a specific university and is a four-year scholarship. This is not tied to any specific school. Females applying for the NROTC scholarship are highly encouraged to apply for this sub-scholarship. Must submit an essay answering one of these two prompts:
- What are your own efforts to advance the women's community in America?
- What are the major contributions women to the nation?



Brigadier General
Margaret Brewer
1930-2013

- Graduated from University of Michigan
- Director of Women Marines
- Chief of Support Detachment, Marine Corps Education Center
- Director, Division of Information – now Public Affairs

Vicente T. Blaz NROTC Scholarship

- The VTB aims to honor Brigadier General and House Representative Vicente Tomas Garrido Blaz' leadership and vision, and the impact of all Asians and Pacific Islanders in and out of uniform, in service to our great nation. This is not tied to any specific school. Applicants of Asian or Pacific-Islander descent are highly encouraged to apply for this sub-scholarship. Must submit an essay answering one of these two prompts:
- What efforts have you done to advance the Asian/Pacific Islander culture in America?
- What are the major contributions of the Asian/Pacific Islander communities to the United States?



Brigadier General
Vicente T. G. Blaz
1928-2014

- Born in Guam
- Survived Japanese occupation of Guam during WWII
- Graduated from Notre Dame
- Earned Masters at George Washington University
- Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment
- Served in Vietnam War
- Chief, United Nations and Maritime Branch
- Earned Doctorate at University of Guam
- Delegate at U.S. House of Representatives for Guam

Military Youth Organization NROTC Scholarship

- The MYO Scholarship aims to promote military-related programs available to high school students. This scholarship is not tied to a specific school. Applicants must be a member in good standing of one of the following:
 - Civil Air Patrol
 - Sea Cadets
 - JROTC (any branch)
- Must submit an essay answering the following prompt:
- What are the major contributions of the Military Youth Organizations to the United States?



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Contact your NROTC Coordinator directly for more information and visit

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/NSTC/NROTC/>