

# Medical School Scholarship Program



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## OVERVIEW

Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) offers an opportunity for 25 qualified cadets each year to compete for a medical school scholarship with a reservation in either the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) or the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) following graduation and commissioning. Air Force ROTC cadets selected for the Prehealth Designator are guaranteed sponsorship through one of these programs if they are accepted into an accredited school of medicine or USUHS prior to commissioning.

To qualify for the Prehealth Designator (reservation in the AFHPSP), an applicant must:

- Have a 3.5 cumulative college GPA
- Be awarded an Air Force ROTC Pre-health Enrollment Allocation (normally awarded between the sophomore and junior years)
- Agree to accept an Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship or attend USUHS

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Qualified Air Force ROTC cadets may compete for the Prehealth Designator two years prior to the applicant's date of commissioning<sup>†</sup>. Nominations are processed by the detachment staff and submitted to HQ Air Force ROTC for consideration. Results are released to nominating detachments. See the detachment staff for application details. The Prehealth Designator is NOT an undergraduate scholarship program. Interested students can compete for a scholarship through the In-College Scholarship Program.

## ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AFHPSP provides up to four years of medical school to selected Air Force ROTC Prehealth cadets. As an AFROTC cadet and commissionee accepted to participate in the AFHPSP, you will be assigned to the 9016<sup>th</sup> Air Reserve Squadron with academic control maintained by the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). You will be recommissioned in the Air Force Reserve Medical Services Corps as a second lieutenant after graduation from your undergraduate program.

AFHPSP pays tuition, book, laboratory and incidental fees, plus rental equipment costs. It does not pay for room and board. However, you will receive a taxable monthly allowance. This monthly allowance includes a cost-of-living escalator.

During graduate school, you must serve four 45-day active duty training tours. During these active duty tours, you will receive the active duty pay and allowance of a second lieutenant.

To qualify for this program, you must:

- Be accepted at an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school leading to the award of a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) inside the US or Puerto Rico
- Sign a contract to complete the educational phase and accept reappointment or designation in the appropriate health profession
- Participate in the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Selection Board and enter graduate medical education as selected and directed by the Air Force
- Participate in annual training at a military location for 45 days<sup>†</sup>

## UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

The USUHS is another program that allows you to continue your education by providing four years of medical school to eligible AFROTC Prehealth Professions Program scholarship cadets. USUHS is a DOD medical school attended by students from all services. As an AFROTC cadet accepted to enroll in USUHS, you will be assigned to USUHS in Bethesda, Maryland.

Upon arrival at USUHS, you will be re-commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps and be considered on active duty while attending medical school. You will receive the pay and allowances of an active duty officer.

To qualify for this program, an applicant must:

- Be accepted to USUHS
- Sign a contract to complete the educational phase
- Participate in the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Selection Board and enter graduate medical education as selected and directed by the Air Force at an active duty location

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Obligations incurred through AFROTC and the appropriate health professions graduate school must be served consecutively. Anyone not accepted into the AFHPSP or the USUHS prior to commissioning enters active duty as a line officer with an assignment dependent on Air Force needs and serves four years of active duty. Note: Once you are on active duty, you may reapply for the AFHPSP or USUHS according to Air Force instructions.

<sup>†</sup> When service interrupts academic training and is certified by the Air Force Institute of Technology program monitor, your active duty may be preformed at your professional school

\* During the non-line categorization process