

# ROTC AT THE CITADEL

AND OTHER COMMISSIONING OPPORTUNITIES



THE CITADEL

THE MILITARY COLLEGE  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# COMMISSIONING

Congratulations! You've made the decision to serve your country in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Citadel's ROTC program is the best way to get from where you are today to accepting a commission in the branch of your choice.

## WHY CHOOSE THE CITADEL?

Unlike service academies, which are dedicated to only one branch of the Armed Forces, The Citadel is a senior military college, providing you with a unique opportunity to commission into the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard – whichever you prefer!

The Citadel has a degree of academic flexibility that can't be matched by the service academies. You can major in civil engineering, supply chain management, nursing, criminal justice, finance, intelligence and security studies and other majors not available at service academies. Our mission is to develop principled leaders, and we do that while preparing you for a career in military service.

Just as importantly, as a graduate of The Citadel, you'll be equipped with the education, discipline, and leadership skills needed to excel in your military career and beyond.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is simple and seamless. As a member of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, you will participate in ROTC programs specific to your chosen branch, while earning your degree. Upon graduation and successful completion of the ROTC requirements, you will be commissioned as an officer in your selected branch.

# ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) scholarships are exclusively for college students who are committed to serving as officers in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduation. These scholarships are awarded by the military branch, not by The Citadel.

ROTC scholarships cover tuition, fees, and other educational expenses, and often include additional benefits such as monthly stipends and allowances for books.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Meet age requirements (typically 17-26 years old)
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Meet physical fitness standards

## NEXT STEPS

- Complete the online application on the official ROTC website
- Provide transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, and a personal statement
- Participate in an interview
- Obtain medical clearance from the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board
- Demonstrate leadership potential, academic excellence, and physical fitness
- Agree to serve as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduation

# ARMY ROTC

With an Army ROTC scholarship, you can graduate college debt-free, as it covers tuition, fees, and provides a monthly stipend for living expenses. Additionally, you will receive an allotment for books and supplies.

Beyond financial perks, Army ROTC equips you with invaluable leadership skills, rigorous military training, and the discipline to succeed in any career. You'll join a prestigious network of Army officers and gain access to exclusive internships and job opportunities.

Ultimately, Army ROTC prepares you for a fulfilling career of service and leadership in the U.S. Army and beyond.



# GUARD & RESERVES



If you are interested in serving in the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard, the Minuteman scholarship will be of interest to you. These scholarships can help you pay for The Citadel and prepare you to commission as an officer upon graduation.

Up to 4 year awards are available to incoming cadets. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees for students, *recipients are responsible for room and board.*

In addition to tuition support, a student also earns \$1200 a year towards books, a monthly stipend of \$420, and drill weekend pay which is approximately \$400 for two days of work.

For these awards, you need to be eligible to enlist and pass both the medical physical and the Army Combat Fitness Test. Students must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA in HS and have taken either the SAT or ACT with no minimum score. The application window for Minuteman scholarships typically runs from January to August annually.

# NAVAL ROTC

## NAVY OPTION

Naval ROTC offers two distinct career paths: the Navy and the Marine Corps. As a Navy option midshipman, you will focus on naval science, seamanship, and navigation, preparing you for a career on the seas. Forged by the sea, Navy midshipmen go on to serve as surface warfare officers, naval aviators, submariners, and SEALs.



# NAVAL ROTC

## MARINE CORPS OPTION

As a Marine Corps option midshipman, you will receive specialized training in amphibious operations, infantry tactics, and leadership, preparing you for the rigorous demands of the Marine Corps. Naval ROTC prepares you for a rewarding career of service and leadership in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps while equipping you with the skills and experiences needed to thrive in any professional environment.



# AIR FORCE & SPACE FORCE ROTC



Air Force ROTC offers two distinct career paths: the Air Force and the Space Force. As an Air Force option cadet, you will focus on aerospace studies, aviation, and leadership, preparing you for a career in air operations.

As a Space Force option cadet, you will receive specialized training in space operations, cybersecurity, and satellite systems, preparing you for the innovative and expanding field of space defense.

Air Force ROTC not only prepares you for a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force or Space Force but also equips you with the skills and experiences to excel in any professional field.



# CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Citadel Service to Country Tuition Scholarship and National Service Room/Board Scholarship are awarded to three and four-year ROTC national scholarship high school student awardees chosen through the national review process managed by the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force/Space Force. The scholarships support students awarded a national ROTC scholarship through the national board process.

The Service to Country Scholarship allows three-year out of state National Scholarship recipients to be responsible for in-state tuition their first year, a value of over \$25,000.

The National Service Scholarship provides selected students up to the cost of 4 years of room and board at The Citadel based on FAFSA information.

To activate this award, the student must be awarded the national ROTC scholarship and submit their \$300 enrollment deposit to The Citadel before May 1st of their senior year in HS indicating their intent to enroll. Students who earn a national ROTC Scholarship will be admitted to The Citadel upon submission of an application and receipt of a transcript.



# COAST GUARD AUP



The US Coast Guard's equivalent to ROTC is the Auxiliary University Program – AUP. While AUP does not offer scholarships, The Citadel's Coast Guard AUP provides major advantages to cadets pursuing a career in the Coast Guard.

First, after graduating from the Corps of Cadets, you will be eligible to go directly to Direct Commissioning Select School (DCSS). This is a 6-week instructional program, which is very different from the grueling, 17-week Officer Candidate School required of graduates from other colleges.

Secondly, no other senior military college has access to as many Coast Guard assets as The Citadel does, because of the US Coast Guard Base Charleston. AUP Cadets are able to participate in exciting training (including at maritime law enforcement school), pursue leadership opportunities as underclassmen, and personally network with leaders within the Coast Guard.

# CHARLESTON, SC

The Citadel is located in the #1 city in the U.S., Charleston, South Carolina. The location provides easy access to nearby beaches, parks, sporting and concert venues as well as award-winning restaurants, shopping and numerous historical sites.

The Citadel has deep roots in the Charleston community. Cadets enjoy many opportunities for internships and networking with local businesses and entrepreneurs.





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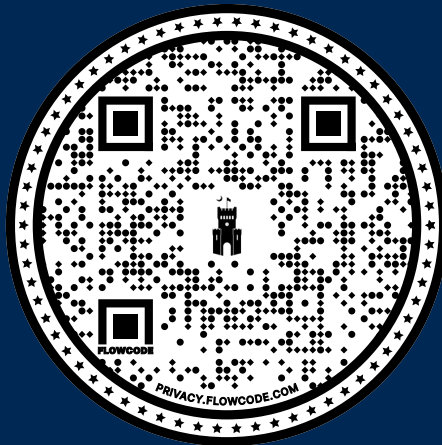
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