Program Benefits:* 
Benefits include:
- 100% compensation for tuition with $180,000 in scholarship money
- School Fees (e.g. computer lab fees)
- $375 per semester for textbooks

Additionally, you will receive an allowance averaging $325 per month.

General Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be a United States Citizen.
- Must be 17 years old by September 1st of the year starting college and younger than 21 on June 30th of that year.
- Must have a minimum 1000/22/74 SAT/ACT/AFQT.
- Must be found physically qualified by Marine Corps standards.
- No moral or personal convictions which would prevent you from bearing arms in defense of the United States.

NROTC Curriculum:
In addition to the academic course load required for your Baccalaureate Degree, you are also required to complete a Naval Science curriculum. Subject matter includes customs and courtesies, naval history, weapon systems, and amphibious warfare.

Midshipmen are required to wear uniforms once a week during battalion training and for other activities from time to time.

During the summer, midshipmen take part in training cruises. These cruises provide a unique opportunity for midshipmen to explore all aspects of Navy and Marine Corps career fields.

Finally, the summer following your junior year of college, three years of training and growing as a leader will be tested. You will attend 6 weeks of Officer Candidates School in Quantico, VA.

Service Requirement:
Upon graduation, you are commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and begin four years of active duty by attending The Basic School (TBS) at Quantico, VA. Following TBS, you will receive additional training in an occupational field like aviation, infantry, engineering, artillery, communications, logistics, or computer science. Once this training is complete then it is out to the Fleet Marine Force for your initial tour of duty.

Application Process: (Checklist)
Begin the application process by calling the NROTC Scholarship Coordinator or by contacting your local Marine Corps Recruiter.

Take the ACT or SAT as early as possible and authorize the testing agency to release your scores directly to the NROTC Scholarship Program (program code 0656).

Ensure you have a certified copy of your birth certificate. The Scholarship Coordinator will need to sight this document to make a “certified true copy.”

Selection Criteria:
The following criteria are considered during the final selection process. Being well rounded in all areas is a plus, however, a particular strength in one area can balance deficiencies in others.

Grades:
The Selection Board not only takes into account GPA and class standing, but also the course load. Honors and advanced placement classes, as well as strong extra-curricular activities and leadership positions often offset slightly lower GPAs.

College Entrance Exams:
Minimum scores to be considered “Board Eligible,” are either a SAT score of 1000 or an ACT score of 22.

Extra-Curricular Activities:
- Varsity athletics
- Drama club, speech team, debate team
- Yearbook staff, school paper

Leadership:
- Team captain / club president
- Class president / student body government
- Eagle Scout / Patrol Leader / JROTC (officer)
- Boys’/Girls’ State delegate / B/G Nation

Physical Fitness:
All applicants are required to take a Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The PFT consists of three events, each event worth a maximum of 100 points for a total of 300. A detailed explanation of the PFT and how it is scored will be made available.
1) 3 mile timed run
2) Two minute timed crunches
3) Dead arm hang pull-ups (males)
Improving Your Chances:

The importance of establishing and maintaining contact with the NROTC Scholarship Coordinator cannot be overstated. The Scholarship Coordinator can provide immediate answers to most questions about the program, and has the resources available to research answers to the more difficult ones. Additionally, he can provide timely feedback on the status of your application package and provide suggestions on how you may strengthen it.

Plan to take the ACT or SAT before mid-October, this will allow you to submit your application for the early selection board. Each year, approximately 20-25% of the scholarships are awarded by the early board, and those packages not selected are automatically rolled to the regular board.

Prior to your interview, complete as much of your application as possible. This will allow you and the Scholarship Coordinator to review the forms together and correct any simple mistakes on the spot. Additionally, putting a list of your school activities and awards, sports and team activities, as well as community activities and awards in resume format helps to facilitate the interview process. An example of such a resume is available upon request.

A very important portion of the application is the “Essays Section.” The use of proper grammar and the ability to clearly articulate your thoughts in writing are very important. It is advisable that you devote an appropriate amount of time and thought to this section before submitting your application. You may save your information in this section and come back to the website at any time to make changes; however, once the application is submitted you cannot change your responses.

“Letters of Recommendation” from former Marines or employers may also assist in “painting a picture” of the applicant. They should discuss your current work ethic, leadership skills and potential, as well as any other favorable characteristics. Submit no more than three of these letters to the NROTC scholarship coordinator for forwarding with your application. They should be limited to one typed page.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: May I apply for other service scholarships?
A: Yes, you may apply to all service academies, and the Air Force and Army ROTC. However, you may only apply for the NROTC scholarship through one source, either the Navy or the Marine Corps. By applying for NROTC through the Marine Corps you are declaring your desire to be a Marine Option midshipman, and thus pursuing a Marine Corps commission.

Q: What is my commitment to the Marine Corps?
A: Your commitment to the United States Government, starts once you begin your sophomore year of college. You incur NO obligation by submitting your application or even accepting the scholarship.

Q: May I only attend schools where there is an NROTC unit?
A: While only NROTC host universities offer the NROTC curriculum required by program guidelines, many of the NROTC units have “cross-town” agreements with other institutions in the near geographic vicinity. The Scholarship Coordinator may be able to provide some insight into NROTC units with cross-town arrangements.

Q: What kinds of jobs are available to Marine Corps Officers?
A: The Marine Corps offers more than 25 different Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) for Officers. Some examples are Infantry, Engineering, Intelligence, Communications, Logistics, Aviation and Finance.

Q: Does the Marine Corps have guaranteed flight slots available?
A: YES! The Marine Corps guarantees flight slots to individuals based upon their qualifications and the needs of the Marine Corps. NO OTHER SERVICE DOES THIS!!

Q: Are there opportunities for females to become pilots?
A: YES! The Marine Corps encourages all of its Officers to seek the MOS of their choice to include Aviation.

Application Timeline:

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Over 70 Schools across the United States with the Program. Here are a few:

- Notre Dame
- Michigan State
- Utah
- Penn State
- Cornell
- UCLA
- Ohio State
- University of Illinois
- Cal Berkley
- UPenn
- North Western
- Villanova
- Harvard
- University of Florida
- Rutgers
- Cornell
- Duke
- USC
- Maryland
- USC
- Va Tech
- San Diego State
- Oregon State
- UVA
- NC State
- Georgia Tech
- Drexel

Point of Contact:

The Marine Option four year NROTC Scholarship Coordinator is Gunnery Sergeant Yajama. If available, please use email for correspondence, being sure to use “NROT C” in the subject line.

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