

## Benefits That Last a Lifetime

Regardless of their field of expertise, all Army officers benefit from long-term career stability and competitive pay. The training and salary you receive as a Soldier are only some of the ways the Army strengthens you for tomorrow. The Army also offers money for education, comprehensive health care, generous vacation time, family services and support groups, special pay for special duties and cost of living allowances. Being an Army officer gives you leadership training and experience far beyond that of your civilian peers. No one else can offer the same experience and responsibility to a young person. This kind of experience makes you a valued commodity, not just in the Army, but in the business world as well. Many employers, including Fortune 500 companies, acknowledge the U.S. Army is one of the leading producers of individuals with world-class talent and leadership ability.

## Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

Cadets who enlist in the National Guard or Army Reserve while in school can receive additional financial aid for education. Cadets simultaneously serve in ROTC and as Soldiers in the Army National Guard or Army Reserve. Qualified Soldiers may also be eligible to receive the G.I. Bill on top of the monthly ROTC stipend. Students who enlist as Soldiers in the West Virginia National Guard receive in-state tuition rates and are eligible for 100% tuition assistance from the state.

## Benefits

- Scholarship opportunities
- Monthly ROTC stipend
- Competitive part-time salary
- Individual/Family health insurance
- Base Exchange/Commissary Privileges
- Retirement savings opportunities
- Industry-recognized training & certification
- Advanced education opportunities
- Worldwide travel & duty assignments

## The Army: It's What You Make It

Upon completion of officer branch training and a first assignment, Army officers may pursue additional specialized training and post-graduate opportunities while they serve. You will most likely be assigned to advanced leadership, management and staff positions. Also, you may develop future Army doctrine and policies, teach military tactics and history, or serve as international advisors. The Army offers globally diverse and challenging assignments.

## Nursing Opportunities

If you're considering an undergraduate nursing degree, enrolling in Army ROTC will enhance your leadership skills and critical thinking abilities while providing financial support to help make your professional goals a reality. Being a nurse in the Army provides benefits and training not found in the civilian world. As an Army nurse and officer, you will command the respect of your peers and co-workers, as well as have opportunities to train in state-of-the-art environments in a variety of specialties.

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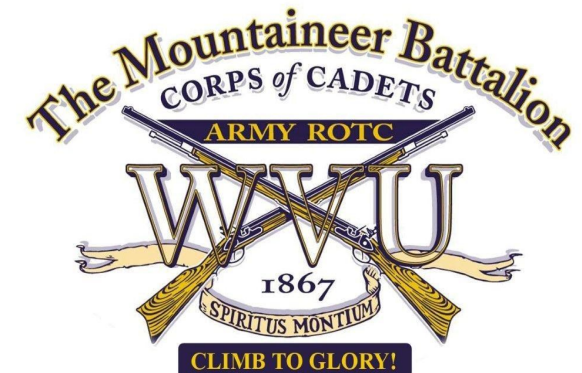
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# WVU ARMY ROTC



## Leadership That Lasts a Lifetime

Army ROTC is the premier leadership development internship on campus at West Virginia University. No other programs provide the leadership philosophy, education or practical hands-on training to prepare students for success in the military and corporate environment. ROTC is an elective course taken along with required courses in an individual's selected major. It provides the tools, training and experiential learning opportunities that will help you succeed in any competitive environment. Along with great leadership training, Army ROTC can also help pay for tuition, room and board and other college expenses. As an elective, ROTC allows you to participate during the freshman and sophomore years without incurring an obligation to join the Army. You will have a normal college student experience like everyone else on campus, but when you graduate, you will be commissioned as an officer in the Army. At that point, you will have a wide-range of career choices you can specialize in called services branches.

## Your Commitment

Army ROTC students who receive an Army ROTC scholarship or enter the ROTC Advanced Course must agree to complete an eight-year period of service with the Army. Cadets selected for Active Duty service make a minimum active service commitment for three years (four years for scholarship recipients). Cadets who serve part-time in the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career make a six-year commitment (eight years for scholarship recipients)

## A Challenging Experience

Army ROTC is a unique experience that you can't get anywhere else in college. ROTC challenges cadets physically, mentally and academically to become better leaders and future officers.

## Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders

West Virginia University Army ROTC, located in historic Stansbury Hall in downtown Morgantown, WV, is known as the Mountaineer Battalion and carries on a strong heritage of men and women who have made the commitment to serve loyally to the ROTC program and the United States Army. Here you will find a demanding and challenging program that will reap numerous lifetime rewards. ROTC will add new dimensions to your career path with training that instills self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, ethical values and patriotism.

***“The leadership ability, camaraderie and friendships you build through ROTC are lifelong. You learn what it means to be a leader and how your actions influence those around you. It is a very rewarding experience.”***

— 2LT Chelsea Cobb

## Mountaineer Battalion History

The history of Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at West Virginia University is as old as the university itself. The Morrill Act of 1862 signed by President Abraham Lincoln required all land grant universities to “teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture, the mechanical arts and military tactics.” On Feb. 8, 1867, the newly formed West Virginia legislature passed an act permanently establishing the Agriculture College of West Virginia, renamed West Virginia University a year later, and the WVU Corps of Cadets was officially born.

## Challenging Career Opportunities

Specialized skills are part of every U.S. Army job. If you have a particular aptitude for science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM), your abilities are particularly in demand. There are a multitude of Army careers that will put your analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities to the test. Each job offers experience and skills with applications in the Army and beyond.

## Who is Eligible

Open enrollment allows all students to enroll in the Basic Course of ROTC (freshman & sophomore years). However, students must be a U.S. citizen and have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 and a 3.0 average in all Military Science courses to be eligible to contract into the Advanced Course (junior & senior years). Students can take the Basic Course curriculum without making a commitment to serve in the Army unless they have received an Army ROTC Scholarship. Once enrolled in the Advanced Course (junior & senior years) the student incurs a mandatory eight-year service obligation.

## Who We're Looking For

Those who succeed in Army ROTC are students who are motivated to succeed and want something more than the average college experience. Generally, these students are scholars who keep excel in academics, athletes who are physically strong, and leaders who have a great desire to learn.

## Success for Now and the Future

Army ROTC prepares college students to succeed in any competitive environment. Plus, the leadership training and experiences that you have in Army ROTC will provide you with a foundation to become commissioned Army Officers upon graduation.

## Kickstart Your Career

After you graduate from college, you will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on active duty or in the Army Reserve or Army National Guard. Your career as an officer will be just beginning, and you'll find a variety of interesting Officer career fields, called services branches, in the Army. Once you choose your Army branch, you will embark on specialized training.