Aerospace Studies/Air Force ROTC

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Tarleton State University has a Crosstown Agreement with the U.S. Air Force and Texas Christian University's Department of Aerospace Studies to provide AFROTC courses and scholarships for cadets attending Tarleton at the Stephenville and Ft Worth Campuses. Classes and labs are taught at the TCU campus in Ft. Worth on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-6:00 pm. Transportation for Stephenville cadets is provided by the Office of the Commandant. If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact the TCU AFROTC office at (817) 257-7461.

Aerospace Studies Program Requirements

A four-year program that enables Cadets to take advantage of four years of aerospace studies courses. Each semester, for the first two years, Cadets take a one-credit hour academic class and a one-credit hour Pass/No-Credit Leadership Laboratory (LLab). The first two years collectively are referred to as the General Military Course (GMC). Upon successful completion of the GMC and an ensuing four-week Air Force paid field training course, qualified and selected students may elect to enroll in the final two years, referred to as the Professional Officer Course (POC). Each semester in the POC, students take a three-credit hour academic class and a one-credit hour Pass/No-Credit LLab. AFROTC uniforms and textbooks are issued by the unit.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a full-time student (12 semester hours or more)
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be in good physical condition/health
- Have good moral character
- Be no older than 34 years upon commissioning

Aerospace Studies

Enrollment in the General Military Course (first two years) is voluntary for eligible students and does not obligate non-scholarship students for further military service. The Professional Officer Course (last two years) is also voluntary but competitive. Because the Professional Officer Course leads to a commission in the U.S. Air Force, those selected to continue training will incur military obligation.

AFROTC Benefits

As Air Force ROTC cadets, students are entitled to selective benefits. Social and co-curricular activities, together with leadership and academic training, are all part of Air Force ROTC. Contracted Cadets receive a nontaxable subsistence allowance each month during the school year. The detachment sponsors a Civil Air Patrol where cadets can obtain front-seat and back-seat flying time in Cessna aircraft. Drill team, honor guard and Arnold Air Honor Society are just a few social outlets for the Cadets. Summer opportunities for Cadets can include a paid visit to a military installation for two weeks, freefall parachuting, combat survival training, flight nurse shadowing and Cadet training assistant duty at field training.

AFROTC Scholarships

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships that vary in length of award and amount based on academic major and applicant qualifications. All awarded scholarships pay a stipend for textbooks and fees, plus a monthly, nontaxable, stipend during the school year. Scholarship awards are based on specific academic majors related to the needs of the U.S. Air Force. These scholarship opportunities for in-college students are determined at the national level by Air Force ROTC and are subsequently administered by the detachment/Department of Aerospace Studies. Scholarship applicants are selected using the whole-person concept, which includes objective factors (i.e., GPA, standardized test scores (SAT/ACT), and physical fitness test) and subjective factors (i.e., personal evaluations). Students who are enrolled in Air Force ROTC generally improve their scholarship selection opportunity.

In addition to meeting the general qualifications mentioned above, scholarship applicants must be at least 17 years of age when the scholarship is activated and must be less than 31 years of age as of the end of their commissioning year. Because the scholarship program varies according to budget and needs of the Air Force, interested applicants should contact the Department of Aerospace Studies at (817) 257-7461 or www.afrotc.tcu.edufor specifics.

AFROTC Commissioning

Upon successful completion of the AFROTC Program and baccalaureate or graduate degree, a Cadet is commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. In some instances, active service can be delayed by students continuing in post-baccalaureate degree programs.

Courses

To be eligible to enroll in any of these classes, a student must be a member of the Texans Corps of Cadets. See University SAP 13.99.99.t0.01(6.1).