

Military Programs

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The Reserve Officer Training Corps prepares college students to be officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. These programs provide college tuition assistance, living stipends, leadership skills training, and more. Below are resources for ROTC programs that College Positive Volunteers can utilize when talking to youth about post-secondary options.

Students interested in a military career should visit the ROTC website at www.rotc.com to learn the career options available after college. Selecting the top link, "Which Military Branch?" will lead you to a brief description of the skills and opportunities in each program discussed below.

U.S. Army ROTC

Four-year, three-year, and two-year scholarships are awarded based on your academic years remaining to complete college. [Click here](#) to view the tuition scholarships and living expenses available to ROTC students. Selecting the "High School Students" or "College Students" links in the Enrollment Information will lead you to specific scholarship requirements, commitment to the U.S. Army, and frequently asked questions.

Currently, students at 16 colleges in Michigan are able to enroll in the ROTC program. To search all colleges, select "Find Schools" on the left toolbar, at the link displayed above.

Army National Guard

The Army National Guard also offers scholarships for full time college students. This includes tuition, a stipend for books, and a monthly allowance. Students may also receive additional pay with participation in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), which warrants participation in the Guard and a college ROTC program simultaneously. [Click here](#) for information about Guard Scholarships; select the Simultaneous Membership Program link for details about participation.

U.S. Air force AFROTC

More than 1000 colleges and universities offer Air Force ROTC. In Michigan, 16 institutions currently provide AFROTC program courses. [Click here](#) to search college majors in AFROTC programs by state.

The AFROTC provides three- and four- year scholarships in three different types to high school seniors. All scholarship types include tuition fees, a textbook allowance, and a living stipend. Search [their main website](#) for information on AFROTC program requirements, scholarships and college life.

U.S. Navy NROTC

High school students may apply for full-scholarship opportunities as early as the second semester of junior year. The full-scholarship includes tuition at institutions with NROTC programs, a stipend for text books, subsistence allowance, and NROTC program fees. Students enrolled in college may qualify for “advance standing” scholarship opportunities. Currently, institutions offering NROTC programs include University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. More information about NROTC can be found [here](#).

The three NROTC career programs providing scholarships are Navy, Nurse, and Marine Corps. [Click here](#) for details on these programs, accepted college majors, and the applications process.

U.S. Coast Guard CSPI

The U.S. Coast Guard offers a scholarship program called the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI). Colleges designated as serving minority populations offer this program to students; links to accredited schools can be found at the website stated below. Michigan institutions include Bay Mills Community College, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

This opportunity is solely for college sophomores and juniors due to the expectation of degree completion within twenty four months of acceptance into the program. Like ROTC, this Coast Guard program offers tuition assistance, textbook stipend, as well as a salary during the student’s junior and senior year. For more information on benefits and requirements for the CSPI, [click here](#).

Examples of the ROTC Experience

Men and women [reflect](#) on their ROTC experiences at institutions around the country

The ROTC website continually provides information about different college programs around the country. [Click here](#) and select the top tab labeled “Program Spotlight”

Other Sources

[This website](#) provides information about the Michigan National Guard and the benefits of service.

[The U.S. Military website](#) provides information on all of the Military careers that the listed college programs prepare students to enter.