

Life After York Q & A: Parent to Parent Advice

Military Service Academies/ROTC/Intelligence Communities

There are five military academies:

Three reside within the Department of Defense:

- The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY
- The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD
- The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO

One resides within the Department of Transportation:

- The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY

One resides within the Department of Homeland Security

- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT

The admissions process to the US service academies is an extensive and very competitive process. All of these schools have an extremely competitive application process and are ranked annually by U.S. News & World Report and Forbes.com as some of the most selective colleges and universities in America. The average acceptance rate is between 8-17% for each of the schools. **Nominations are required for USMA, USNA, USAFA and USMMA.**

ROTC: Army, Navy/ Marines, Air Force

ROTC scholarships are awarded in two different ways: Students can compete nationally for a scholarship during their senior year of high school or they can join ROTC once they get to college and compete for a scholarship at the campus level. At the national level, about 12,000 high school seniors compete for about 2,000 Army ROTC scholarships. About half of those are three-year scholarships, and the other half are four-year scholarships. Getting a scholarship does NOT automatically bind you to service.

	ARMY	NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
AVAILABILITY	1,100 campus programs	153 campus program	1,100 campus programs
EXAMPLE TRAINING TOPICS	Army leadership, military tactics, principles of war, and combat survival training	Summer cruise training, surface warfare orientation, flight time on navy aircraft, and maritime self-defense	Laws of armed conflict, international security, aerospace studies, and field training
SERVICE OBLIGATIONS	3-8 years, depending on scholarship acceptance	Between 3-12 years of active military service, depending on scholarship acceptance and degree level	Between 4-10 years of active duty, depending on contract cadet appointment
EXAMPLE CAREER SPECIALTIES	Infantry, Military Intelligence, Civil Affairs, Medical Corps	Submarine, Explosive Ordinance Disposal, US Marine Corps, Navy Nursing Corps	Air Battle Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Cyberspace Operations, ³ Piloting, and Tactical Air Control

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Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships (105 ILCS 5/30-16): TUITION COVERED

- ▶ **Eligibility and Criteria:** Illinois Residents enrolled in ROTC programs available at universities supported by the State of Illinois are eligible. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis to those eligible recipients receiving the highest grades with evidence of leadership ability. Waivers shall be awarded at each university on the basis of the equivalent of 10 scholarships per class, per branch of service, each academic year.
- ▶ There is **no military commitment** until the beginning of your Junior academic year (unless you are contracted)
- ▶ You acquire it by: being an Illinois resident, registering for the Military Science courses, have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA to be awarded (3.0 cumulative High School GPA for incoming Freshmen), and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 ROTC cumulative GPA to retain. **ALL Scholarships are contingent upon an applicant being medically qualified, physically fit, and in attendance for all ROTC functions.**

The IC offers students a wide variety of excellent programs

- ▶ NSA Stokes Educational Scholarship Program (NSA)
- ▶ NSA CAE in Cyber Operations Summer Intern Program
- ▶ NSA Computer Science Intern Program (CSIP)
- ▶ Cryptanalysis and Signals Analysis Summer Program
- ▶ Signals Intelligence Collection Program (SICP)
- ▶ Cyber Summer Program (CSP)
- ▶ Data Center Management Intern Program (*HVAC engineering disciplines with telecommunications and business management.*)
- ▶ Director's Summer Program Math (DSP) (*abstract algebra, geometry, number theory, analysis, probability, statistics, graph theory, algorithms, and computer science.*)
- ▶ Human Resources (HR) Intern Program
- ▶ Installation & Logistics (I&L) Intern Program
- ▶ Health Promotion & Wellness (HPW) Intern Program
- ▶ Security & Counterintelligence Summer Intern Program (SCSIP)
- ▶ Summer Intern Program for Science and Technology (SIP/ST)
- ▶ The Summer Strategic Communications Intern Program (*writing, editing, journalism, public relations, marketing or advertising; visual arts, television production, motion picture production, or 3-D animation; graphics or photography.*)
- ▶ Summer Language Program (*analyze foreign communications for vital intelligence*)
- ▶ Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP)
- ▶ Industrial and Organizational Psychology Intern Program
- ▶ The National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) (*astronomy, chemistry, geology, materials sciences, mathematical sciences, physics*)
- ▶ Intelligence Analysis Summer Internship for Undergraduates and Graduate Students
- ▶ Civil Liberties and Privacy (CLP) Summer Intern Program
- ▶ Business Management & Acquisition Intern Program for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

<https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html>

Links:

Applying to a service Academy:

<https://www.serviceacademyforums.com/index.php>

Illinois tuition waiver

<http://rotc.navy.illinois.edu/tuition-waiver.html>

<http://publish.illinois.edu/army-rotc/incentives/>

IC careers

<https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html>