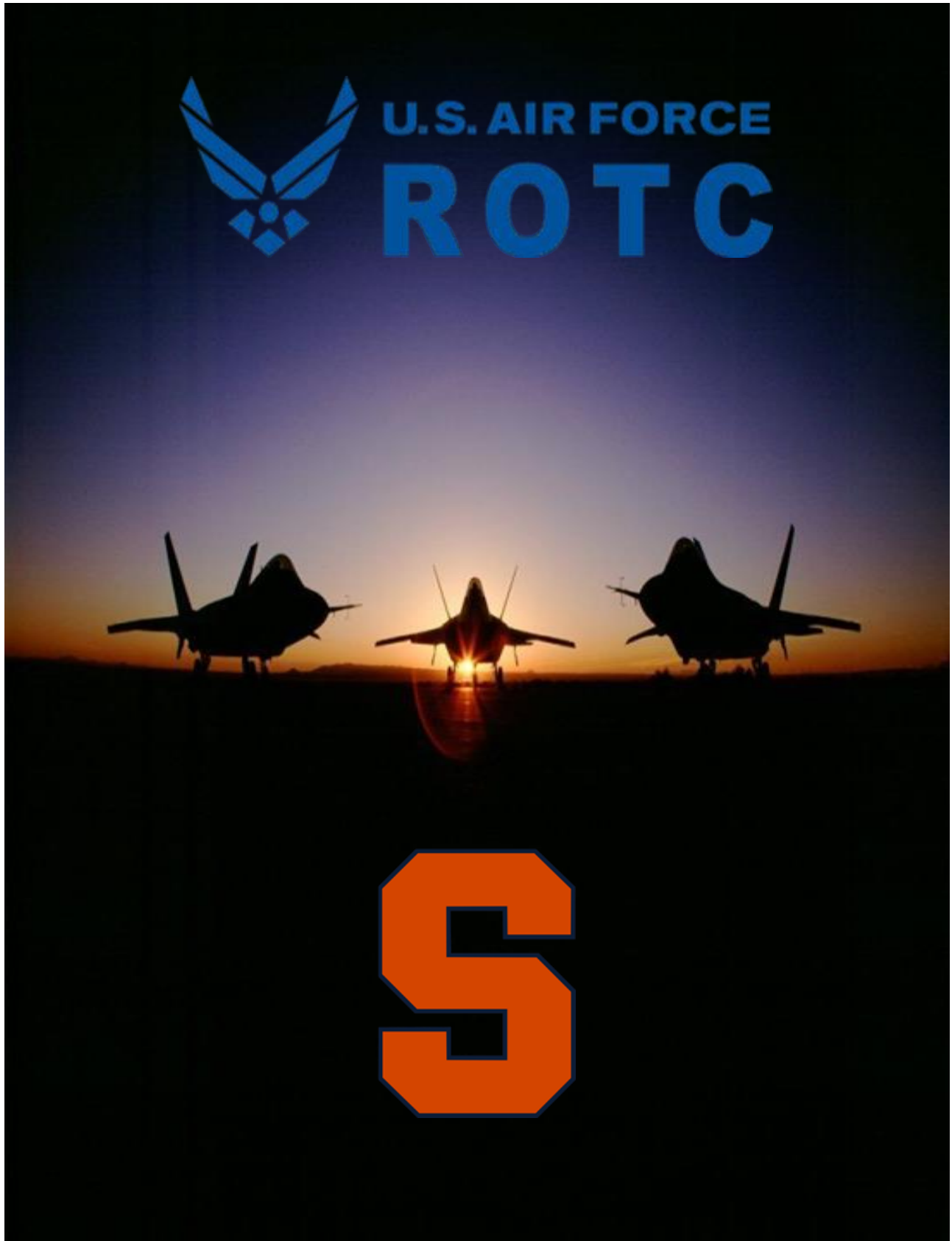


Syracuse University, High School  
Counselor's 2017-2018 AFROTC Guide



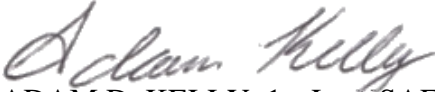
Dear High School Counselors and club/organizational leaders,

This packet contains information about the Air Force ROTC options available to your students. For students who want to attend college, I can be their point of contact as they work on applying for an Air Force ROTC scholarship or have questions about the process. If they are not eligible for scholarships out of high school, then I can help them look into other in-college AFROTC scholarship opportunities. I can also help those exceptional students looking to get in touch with an Air Force Academy Liaison to start the application process for the United States Air Force Academy. For students who are looking for a job instead of college, I can put them in touch with someone to help figure out their career options as an enlisted member of the Air Force right out of high school.

First, let me tell you what Air Force ROTC is all about. AFROTC is an officer-training program, and students who successfully complete the program will commission in the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant. They will then start an exciting career in the Air Force, as a pilot, a nurse, an engineer, or almost any other career. Students in the AFROTC program attend a typical 4-year college (such as Syracuse University or SUNY Oswego, etc.) or they can start out at select junior colleges (such as Onondaga Community College, etc.) in the local area and transfer to a larger institution to complete their bachelor's degree. Interestingly, Syracuse University's AFROTC program has 12 local crosstown colleges that send Cadets to Syracuse University to participate in our program. Alongside regular classes, on a weekly basis students attend a one hour lecture class and a two hour Leadership Lab. Leadership Lab is an opportunity for junior and senior Cadets to plan and instruct lessons on leadership and essential military skills. Freshman and sophomores will learn the fundamentals of the Air Force, ROTC, and military customs and courtesies. Minimum time commitment for freshman and sophomores is around 5 hours per week and around 7 hours for juniors and seniors.

To apply for high school scholarships, students can visit <http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships> at any time. The application window for the High School Scholarship Program available to individuals graduating in 2018 began on 1 June 2017. Students interested in competing for this opportunity have until 1 December 2017 to complete the application process. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must achieve an SAT composite of 1240 (math and critical reading portions only) or ACT composite of 26. Additionally, students must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarships section will also look for some type of leadership experience (such as captain of a sports team, organizer of a volunteer effort, or head of the debate team, etc.). For such a competitive process as ours, the more examples of leadership and community involvement, the better.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me at 315-443-2461 or email me ([adkelly@syr.edu](mailto:adkelly@syr.edu)) at any time if I can help you or your students further. Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

  
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## Air Force ROTC Overview for Prospective Students

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) provides you the opportunity to become a United States Air Force officer while completing your college degree. The program, combining traditional undergraduate education with military instruction, will prepare you to tackle the leadership challenges awaiting the Air Force in the 21st century. With over 1000 participating colleges and universities nationwide, we are confident that you can find a program tailored to your abilities and goals.



### Scholarships

**High School Seniors:** Air Force ROTC offers an excellent scholarship program for highly qualified high schools seniors. Many of these scholarships pay full tuition. All of the scholarships include a \$600 annual textbook allowance, a tax-free monthly stipend of \$300-500 during the academic year and travel expense compensation from their home to their Air Force ROTC detachment. The scholarship application period runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 through December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Competition is based on the whole-person concept. Engineering scholarships are awarded in aeronautical, aerospace, architectural, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, industrial, mechanical, and nuclear engineering majors. Other science majors can receive scholarships in fields such as architecture, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, meteorology, or physics. We also offer scholarships to students studying one of the following languages (Arabic, Baluchi, Chinese (Amoy, Cantonese, Mandarin, Wu), Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Korean, Pashto-Afghan, Persian Afghan, Persian Iranian, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Turkish, Turkmen, Urdu). If these majors don't appeal to you, take heart that we do also offer non-technical majors numerous scholarships during this process.

**In College:** If you don't receive a scholarship from our high school scholarship program, you can join AFROTC and compete for one of the many scholarships that we reserve for college students. Freshman can compete once for a 3.5-year scholarship and twice for a 3-year scholarship - the first time is after the fall quarter/semester, so do your best as soon as you get to college. The second time is after the end of your freshman year, so you can catch up if your first quarter/semester didn't go quite as planned. Check with your school of interest for further information on these and many other financial support opportunities.

### Curriculum

As an AFROTC cadet, you may pursue any of the academic opportunities available at your school. Along with your other university courses, you enroll in two AFROTC courses per quarter (or semester) through the Department of Aerospace Studies. One of these courses is the academic portion of the curriculum, while the other is a leadership laboratory. Over 140 schools host aerospace studies departments, and over 1000 additional schools have "cross-town" agreements for their students to attend AFROTC at the nearest host school. These courses, along with a one-time, three-week summer course, provide the framework for your officer training.

**General Military Course:** The first two years of the program, the General Military Course (GMC), requires one hour of classroom work, two hours of physical training, and two hours of leadership laboratory each week. These one-credit classes introduce you to how the Air Force is structured, what it means to be an officer, Air Force history, and military customs and courtesies. It presents a solid overview of military life without demanding excessive time during your adjustment to university life. You will also be taught many skills that will help you succeed in college and beyond -- time management skills, communication skills, and teammate skills. Additionally, unless you are a scholarship recipient, you do not incur a military commitment while in this course.

Though the General Military Course is an outstanding opportunity to try out the Air Force at no obligation, it is also your opportunity to prove that you can be a leader in the Air Force. Everything you achieve during this time--your GPA, physical fitness, and performance as a Cadet--will be evaluated. Everything you demonstrate--your leadership, dedication, and commitment--will be assessed. By the end of your sophomore year, you will be ready to compete for entry into the next phase of the program: Leadership Evaluation and Development (LEAD).

**Leadership Evaluation and Development:** An intensive, three week program that evaluates your leadership potential during the summer after your sophomore year. This rigorous program offers you the opportunity to develop your skills as both a leader and team member. You will participate in aircraft and aircrew orientation, survival training, marksmanship (weapons training), physical fitness training, as well as group and expeditionary leadership activities. When you finish, you will be ready to return to your school and assume a position of leadership within your Cadet Wing.

**Professional Officer Course:** The final two years of the program, the Professional Officer Course (POC), requires three hours of classroom work, two hours of physical training, and two hours of leadership laboratory each week. These three-credit classes introduce you to situational leadership, management, military law, decision-making, and national defense policy. All students who enroll in the POC receive a monthly, non-taxable \$300-500 allowance, whether they are on scholarship or not.

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**Leadership Lab:** In AFROTC, we do not only teach you about leadership, but we give you a chance to put learning into action. The weekly Leadership Laboratory is a Cadet-run activity, planned and carried out by POC Cadets. Activities include drill and ceremony instruction, physical fitness training, sports competition, and guest speaker presentations. Besides conducting leadership laboratories, you will help lead and manage the Cadet Wing to prepare yourself for your future responsibilities as a 2nd Lieutenant.

**Optional Summer Programs (besides LEAD):** You will also have the option to compete for many of the exciting optional summer training programs AFROTC offers. You can shadow a junior officer in a career field of your interest. You can attend the Air Force Academy's free-fall parachute, glider, or combat survival schools. You can return to LEAD as a Cadet Training Assistant, go to the Pentagon to see how the Air Force operates, or even to England under the Royal Air Force's British Exchange Program. Whichever activity you choose, the Air Force provides your transportation, meals, lodging, and a daily expense allowance.

**Other Activities:** Throughout the year, optional activities take place to help students learn more about the Air Force and have fun. These activities may include base visits, aircraft orientation rides, a Dining Out (a formal ball, rich in Air Force tradition), and many more. There are also opportunities to join organizations related to the Air Force such as Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, to name a few, which will enhance your Cadet experience in AFROTC and will also help develop you professionally. Check with your school of interest to see what exciting activities they offer!

### Qualifications

You don't need to be on scholarship to join Air Force ROTC. As long as you meet the requirements below, you can join AFROTC once you start college.

To enroll in the GMC, you must be:

- A full-time student at a participating school
- At least 14 years old (17 for scholarship recipients)
- In good physical condition
- Of good moral character

To enroll in the POC, you must also:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old (17 with parental consent)
- Be physically qualified
- Have two academic years remaining
- Pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test
- Complete LEAD
- Have a 2.5 GPA or higher

### Air Force Benefits

The Air Force offers you an opportunity to serve your country in a challenging career. Some of the many available career fields include: pilot, navigator, air traffic controller, air weapons controller, military police, meteorologist, engineer, program manager, test manager, logistician, scientist, missile officer, space operations officer, nurse, physician, pharmacist, maintenance, intelligence, personnel, attorney, comptroller (finance), and public affairs.

We also provide other fantastic benefits including:

- Starting salary of around \$50K, increasing to over \$75K in four years (salary varies depending on location and dependent status)
- 30 days of paid vacation each year
- Free medical, dental, and eye care
- \$400,000 low-cost life insurance
- Up to 100% of postgraduate tuition paid
- Worldwide travel opportunities to live and work
- Free travel on military aircraft (space-available basis)
- Full retirement benefits at 20 years of service

### What's The Obligation?

After graduating from college and successfully completing all Air Force ROTC requirements, you receive a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, with an obligation of at least four years of service in the active duty Air Force. Normally, you will enter active duty within thirty days after graduation. Pilots incur a ten-year commitment after training completion while navigators, air battle managers, and a select few of other career fields require a six-year commitment after training completion.

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Air Force ROTC at Syracuse University



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## Schools in Upstate New York who Offer Air Force ROTC

### **Detachment 535**

**Syracuse University**  
 SUNY Oswego  
 Onondaga Community College  
 SUNY ESF  
 Lemoyne College  
 SUNY Upstate  
 Utica College  
 SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
 Mohawk Valley Community College  
 Hamilton College  
 Cazenovia College  
 Morrisville State College  
 Columbia College

### **Detachment 536**

**Clarkson University**  
 SUNY Canton  
 SUNY Potsdam  
 Saint Lawrence University

### **Detachment 520**

**Cornell University**  
 SUNY Cortland  
 SUNY Binghamton  
 Ithaca College  
 Elmira College

### **Detachment 538**

**Rochester Institute Of Technology**  
 University of Rochester  
 Saint John Fisher College  
 Monroe Community College  
 Nazareth College of Rochester  
 Roberts Wesleyan College  
 SUNY Brockport  
 Genesee Community College  
 SUNY Geneseo  
 Finger Lakes Community College

Schools in **bold** are the host detachments where AFROTC activities generally take place. Schools not in bold are "cross-town" schools that have agreements to honor Air Force ROTC course work and allow student enrolled in their schools to participate in Air Force ROTC at the host school. Students are generally responsible for transportation to the host school. Cross-town schools change often. Check with the host school AFROTC detachment for more information.

## Regional Events

All Air Force recruiters can help you and your students understand more about the Air Force and what it's like to cross into the blue. AF related events may be found at [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com).

## Other Air Force Opportunities

### **United States Air Force Academy**

<http://academyadmissions.com/>

Highly competitive college program offering 32 majors. All fees as well as room and board are covered for students. Students receive a B.S. Degree and commission as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

Students interested in applying should begin working on their applications in their junior year of high school.

### **United States Air Force (Enlistment)**

[www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)

Offers full-time jobs in 150+ career fields and a starting salary of \$1350/month plus food and housing allowances (within the first two years, pay increases multiple times). Minimum commitment is 4 or 6 years. The Air Force pays 100% tuition costs and Airmen can apply for an additional benefits through the Post-9/11 GI Bill if they desire to attend college.

### **Air National Guard**

[www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com)

### **Air Force Reserves**

<http://www.afreserve.com/>