

# Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) – FAQs

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While you complete your undergraduate degree, the Army ROTC program teaches you the skills needed to serve in the United States Army after graduation. Cadets who complete either the two-year or four-year Army ROTC program and obtain a baccalaureate degree from Benedictine College, will earn commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserves. Army ROTC cadets are eligible to compete for National and Campus based scholarships to cover tuition and fees. In addition, Benedictine College permits Army ROTC scholarship recipients to apply their institutional scholarship toward their room and board.

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is one of the best leadership programs in the country. The curriculum is a combination of classroom lectures and hands-on training. The program includes physical fitness training three-to-four times per week and a weekly leadership lab that introduces team building and leadership training, land navigation, rifle marksmanship, rappelling, Ranger Challenge and Ranger Buddy Competitions.

All Army ROTC classes, and physical training is held at Benedictine College. Field training and labs are conducted at Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph, MO), Ft. Leavenworth (Leavenworth, KS), Ft. Riley (Manhattan, KS) and other locations.

Benedictine College Army ROTC is recognized as Company A in the Pony Express Battalion.



## Do I have to enroll in Army ROTC as a freshman?

No, Benedictine maintains a two, and four-year ROTC Programs.

## What is the difference between the two-year and four-year program?

The two-year program provides a path for sophomore and junior level students who were unable to participate in Army ROTC prior to that point. Two-year participants must attend a five-week Army Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky in place of Military Science 100 and 200. The four-year program consists of 26 hours of Military Science credits, including 20 hours of upper-level ROTC courses. Four-year cadets must attend the five-week Leadership Development and Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Washington.



## ROTC—FAQs continued

### **What types of scholarships are available for Army ROTC cadets?**

There are three key types of scholarships – National, Secondary National, and Campus Based Scholarships.

#### **National Board Scholarship:**

For high school students there is a National Board Scholarship that awards four-year scholarships to cover tuition and fees. Recipients also receive a \$420 monthly stipend and a \$1,200 annual book stipend.

#### **Secondary National Board Scholarship:**

High school students who are not selected in the initial National Board process are eligible for a Secondary National Board scholarship. These recipients receive a three-year full tuition scholarship that covers all tuition and fees. Recipients also receive a \$420 monthly stipend and a \$1,200 annual book stipend.

#### **Campus Based Scholarship:**

Army ROTC cadets are eligible for a full-tuition and fee scholarship when they contract.

### **I am receiving an Army ROTC Scholarship. Am I still eligible for an academic merit scholarship from Benedictine?**

Yes, Benedictine permits all Army ROTC cadets to retain their merit based institutional scholarship to cover their on-campus room and board charges. This means tuition, room, board, and fees are covered and the cadets receive a \$420 monthly stipend along with a \$1,200 annual book stipend.

### **What does it mean to contract with Army ROTC?**

Contracting with the Army ROTC means that you will fulfill the requirements of the Army ROTC program alongside your academic requirements at Benedictine College. In addition, you are committing to serve the United States Army after graduation.

### **When do cadets contract?**

National scholarship recipients contract prior to their freshman year. All other cadets must contract by the end of their sophomore year to continue as full participants in the Army ROTC program.

### **I would like to try out Army ROTC before I contract. Is that possible?**

Yes, you can try out the program as a non-contracted Army ROTC cadet in your first and second year without incurring any military service obligation. You are considered a member of Army ROTC during this period but do not receive scholarship or stipend support.

### **Do all contracted cadets receive a scholarship?**

No, but all contracted cadets receive unrivaled leadership training through classroom and field training.

### **Does Benedictine College offer a minor in Military Science?**

Benedictine College does not currently offer a minor in Military Science. However, we are in active conversation to add this offering. This may be available beginning in fall 2024.

### **Can I participate in a varsity sport and Army ROTC?**

Yes, A Company has a number of cadets who participate in varsity athletics, including baseball, football, cross country and track and field.

### **Does the Army offer a Student Loan Repayment Program?**

Yes, the United States Army sponsors a Loan Repayment Program to highly qualified applicants. The Army will repay 15 percent of the outstanding principal balance annually or \$1,500 after each year of service up to \$20,000.