TIPS FOR AFROTC SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

Your goal during the scholarship interview is to effectively communicate your desire to learn, grow, and contribute as a student and leader in college and AFROTC. We want to know what makes you deserving of AF scholarship benefits and how are you compatible for the lifestyle and training requirements of this commissioning program. Your evaluation during the interview can significantly impact the type of scholarship benefits offered to you.

**DO** arrive on time. If delayed in transit, call ahead to explain the delay. Arriving late without an explanation communicates that you don’t consider the interview important.

**DO** dress appropriately and professionally.

**DO** think about what you’d like to see reflected in the officer’s comments after the interview, and come prepared to discuss those things specifically.

**DO** bring a résumé or evidence of achievements. A résumé is a key instrument reviewed by the board. I’m looking for Situations or Tasks you’ve been assigned, specific Actions, and most importantly, Results.

**DO** be sincere and make good eye contact. I’ll be asking straightforward questions, and I’ll be looking for the same kind of answers.

**DO** ask questions. If you knew everything I know about the scholarship or the Air Force, we probably wouldn’t need to conduct an interview. When you ask questions, I get the impression you are ambitious, eager to learn, and ready for challenges—just the type of person we’re looking for!

**DO** practice an interview with your parents or a friend. If you practice talking about yourself a few times, it won’t feel as awkward when you come to see me.

**DON’T** make your parents set up the arrangements for the interview. They cannot stay with you through our discussion and it’s important to demonstrate initiative and confidence on your own.

**DON’T** sell yourself short by assuming something you’ve done wasn’t significant. For example, I don’t trust everyone in the neighborhood with my children, so if someone trusts you enough to leave their children in your care, it’s significant.

**DON’T** make me drag information out of you. I’ll interview many students this year, and those who come prepared to sell themselves...without being cocky, will make a great impression and be remembered. Anticipate questions and tell me what you want me to know. **This is a job interview!**

**DON’T** be afraid. An interview can be stressful, but I’m a human being and here to help you and the Air Force make smart decisions.

**Come prepared!**

Feel good about who you are & what you’ve accomplished as a high school student.