Applications…Paperwork…Keeping it all Straight

Unlike the service academies, students who pursue a commission through ROTC must **apply and compete** for scholarships -- along with everyone else across the nation who wants one.

The application for scholarship is **separate from** undergraduate application to Virginia Tech. The AFROTC scholarship deadline is **1 Dec** of a student’s **senior year** of high school.

### Undergraduate Application Dates and Deadlines for Virginia Tech Freshmen

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**Early Decision** - if offered admission to Virginia Tech, you agree to accept the offer and enroll as a Virginia Tech student, disregarding any other school’s offer.

Go online to learn more:  www.admiss.vt.edu/apply/freshman/dates_deadlines.php

### The AFROTC Scholarship Process: How It Works

- Submit scholarship application online between **15 May** of junior yr & **1 December** senior yr
- Submit final transcripts, fitness data, and standardized test scores to HQ AFROTC
- If package meets standards, you will be contacted by an AF officer for an interview
  - Applicants are matched with interviewers according to home of record zip code
  - Look sharp, communicate well, and be prepared to discuss accomplishments & goals
- Interviewing officers will describe how you would look in uniform, the level of your desire to serve in the USAF, and how your personality and/or accomplishments would make you a good fit for our commissioning program.
- We must assess your potential to succeed as an officer candidate. We can’t afford to give thousands of dollars to students who aren’t serious, goal-oriented, and dedicated to leadership training.
- HQ AFROTC conducts 4 scholarship boards to evaluate and rank applicants using interview comments as a guide. Boards determine who will receive a scholarship offer and what type of offer it will be.
- Thousands of applicants do not follow up on their application once initially submitted. If HQ AFROTC does not receive final school transcripts, standardized test scores, or fitness test scores you will be ineligible to meet the board.
Air Force ROTC awards 70% of available scholarship dollars to cadets in technical degrees, but not every student is interested in a technical field. Pick a subject you like or do well in…not one that will increase chance of receiving a scholarship. Four years is a very long time to study something you hate!

### Technical Majors
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Architecture
- Astronautical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Meteorology/Atmospheric Sciences

### Foreign Language Majors
- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bengali
- Cambodian
- Chinese
- Hausa
- Hindi
- Indonesian
- Japanese

### Non-Technical Majors
- All other majors

Æ Every university / college has different undergraduate degree options
Æ Different schools have different tuition & room/board rates
Æ Every school has different application deadlines
Æ Every ROTC program & branch of service has a different mindset/culture
Æ Every ROTC program & branch of service has different training & career opportunities

Use the Internet – do research – take notes, organize information…there is lots of it!

What can you imagine doing after graduation?

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CADETS AT VIRGINIA TECH**

If a student wants to study engineering while enrolled in the Corps, he/she may be eligible for a **Walts Scholarship**. A member of the Corps recruiting team can provide more details.

The **Emerging Leader Scholarship (ELS)** is a Corps Alumni funded scholarship ($2K: in-state; $3K: out-of-state) awarded to most incoming freshmen accepted to Virginia Tech who want to enroll in the Corps of Cadets.

Freshmen cadets who join the Regimental Band (members are called Highty-Tighties) are automatically awarded a one-time, $2,000 scholarship ($1K in the fall term and $1K in the spring term) as an incentive.