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Thanks for your interest in ROTC. My name is LT Bill Burke and I am currently the Recruiting Officer for the Hampton Roads Navy and Marine Corps ROTC Unit. I would like to take just a few moments of your time to introduce some of the opportunities that are available to college-bound students within the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Hampton Roads. The Hampton Roads Consortium consists of three universities: Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and Hampton University. This Consortium makes up one of the largest Naval ROTC Units in the nation. We have approximately 180 midshipmen at Old Dominion University, 40 at Norfolk State University, and 30 at Hampton University. Our location close to the world's largest naval base allows us to offer our students unparalleled leadership and hands-on training opportunities. For more information, view our battalion website at: <http://www.odu.edu/ao/hmnrotc/index.htm>

The Navy offers two great scholarship programs for high school graduates or college freshman with less than 30 credit hours: the Four-Year National Scholarship and the Historically Black College and University Scholarship (HBCU). Both of these scholarships cover four years of tuition and fees, a stipend for text books, and a \$250 per academic month living allowance (which increases by \$50 each year). Upon earning a bachelor's degree, both scholarships require a minimum of 4 years of Active Duty service in one of the following unrestricted line "warfare communities": Surface Warfare (Ships), Aviation (Pilot or Naval Flight Officer), Nuclear Power (Surface or Submarines), and Special Operations (EOD or Special Warfare/SEALs). Nursing is also available and is the only non-warfare community via ROTC. These are the **ONLY** options coming out of NROTC. There is no service obligation until you attend classes your sophomore year. The minimum eligibility requirements for both Navy scholarships are the same: You must have a 1050 SAT (520M / 530V), or a 21M and 22V on the ACT in order to apply. The Marine Option Four-Year National Scholarship requires a minimum of 1000 on the SAT or 45 composite on the ACT.

The **Four-Year "National" Scholarship** is nationally competitive and is usable at any of the 70+ universities which have a Navy ROTC unit. You can get this scholarship for one of three areas: Navy, Marine Corps, or Nursing. To see which schools offer Navy ROTC, visit the NROTC website: <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>. You can fill out the National scholarship application online, or you can request an application through your local Navy/Marine Corps Recruiter. Your local Navy Recruiting District - not a NROTC unit - will handle the application process for the National scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship varies but is generally December 31st of your senior year in high school.

The **HBCU Scholarship** is locally competitive and offers the same careers as the Four-Year National Scholarship (Unrestricted Line/Warfare or Navy Nursing) and applies to any Historical Black College/University. For a complete list of all 14 HBCs, see the NROTC website: <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.cfm>. Our NROTC consortium includes two HBCUs: Norfolk State and Hampton University. The HBCU Scholarship is available to all individuals, regardless of race or ethnicity. To apply for the Navy's HBCU scholarship at any of the other Historically Black Colleges, you must apply directly through their respective Navy ROTC unit. Please refer to our battalion website for the HBCU application and points of contact.

Due to its technical nature, the Navy focuses heavily upon math and science. While you can major in any field available, it is a requirement for all scholarship "midshipmen" to complete one year of Calculus and one year of Calculus-based Physics before their senior year of college. Therefore, in order to strengthen your scholarship chances, we recommend that you take the highest level math and science classes available while in high school and enroll in Pre-Calculus as a Freshmen in college. This requirement does not apply to nursing or marine option students.

Hampton Roads NROTC offers a variety of practical training and leadership opportunities to prepare you for your career as a Navy or Marine Corps Officer. As a midshipman, you would participate in physical training three to four times per week. Additionally, all members of our battalion participate in "drill" once a week from 6:30-7:15 am. During this "drill" period we conduct training on various topics including: How to march and perform drill movements properly, lectures on the various Navy and Marine Corps career fields, and lectures on a wide variety of other Navy-related topics. We also tour ships, aviation squadrons, and submarines. We have a drill team, basketball team, and participate actively in community service. Finally, we obtain sailing and swimming qualifications.

Lastly, if a Four-Year national or HBC scholarship does not work out, one of the programs that many of our incoming freshmen choose is the **non-scholarship College Program**. The College Program allows you to "walk-on" to the NROTC program, participate in Naval Science courses and "drill," with the ultimate goal of earning a two or three year NROTC scholarship and your commission. After at least one semester of full participation in the NROTC program, if your GPA is greater than 2.5 and your military bearing is outstanding, we will send in a package to the Navy requesting an NROTC scholarship. If a scholarship is granted, it will cover exactly the same items as the Four-Year National Scholarship and HBC Scholarship mentioned above. All scholarship students participate in exciting, one-month training opportunities with active Navy and/or Marine Corps units stationed around the world each summer.

Finally, there are **additional scholarship options** if you are a transfer student with 30-60 credit hours. If you are in this situation, or if you have any other questions, please e-mail or call me to schedule an appointment to further discuss your particular situation. I realize that this is a lot of information to digest! For your convenience, I have provided a checklist for applying on the following page. A point of contact list for each university is located on our website.



Hampton Roads Navy ROTC: Steps to Admission

- Fall of senior year in high school: Apply for NROTC Four-Year National Scholarship (<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>). Scholarship deadlines vary year-to-year, but is generally 31 December. Designate on your scholarship application that you desire to attend ODU, NSU, or HU.
- Spring of senior year in High School: Apply and gain admission to ODU, NSU, or HU.

If you receive the Four-Year National Scholarship:

- Annotate that you desire to attend ODU, NSU or HU.
- Call our unit no later than **14 May** to make sure we have your information.

Non-Four-Year National Scholarship students and HBC candidates:

- Once you're admitted to your chosen university, contact the respective school's NROTC unit and get a battalion College Program admissions package (ODU) or HBC application (HU or NSU.)
- Fill out and return the battalion admissions package / HBC application no later than **14 May**.

Questions? Please contact:

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NSU	Officer in Charge	757-823-8546
HU	Officer in Charge	757-728-6938