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Thanks for your interest in NROTC. My name is LT Ryan Lanham 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 four universities and one community college: Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Hampton University, Regent University, and Tidewater Community College. This Consortium makes up one of the largest Naval ROTC Units in the nation. We have approximately 175 midshipmen. For more information, visit our battalion website at: <http://www.odu.edu/nrotc>

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 **Minority Serving Institute Scholarship Reservation (MSISR) Scholarship**. 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 5 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). *These are the ONLY options coming out of NROTC.* There is no service obligation until your first day of class your sophomore year. The minimum eligibility requirements for both Navy scholarships are as follows: Four-Year National: **1200 SAT (540 Math / 550 Critical Reading)**, or a **21 Math and 22 English with a 47 combined minimum** on the ACT. The Marine Option Four-Year National Scholarship requires a **minimum of 1000 (Math and Critical Reading)** on the SAT or **22 Composite** on the ACT. MSISR: **SAT 540 Math / 550 Critical Reading**, or a **21 Math and 22 English** on the ACT. The MSISR is only available for Navy option.

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: 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 an 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. Despite this, the earlier you apply the better – even as early as the summer before your senior year.

The **MSISR Scholarship** is *locally competitive* and offers the same careers as the Four-Year National Scholarship (Unrestricted Line/Warfare) and applies to any Historical Black College/University. For a complete list of all 14 HBC's, see the NROTC website: www.nrotc.navy.mil/MSI. This scholarship traditionally has an 80-90% acceptance rate. Our NROTC consortium includes two HBCU's: Norfolk State and Hampton University. The HBCU Scholarship is available to all individuals, *regardless of race or ethnicity*. To apply for the Navy's MSISR 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 (odu.edu/nrotc) for the MSISR application and points of contact. The application closes January 31st, but may close sooner at each HBCU. Once all scholarships are filled at a given university, the application window will close.

The **Two and Three-Year "National" Scholarship** is available for college students who have more than 30 semester hours (45 quarter hours) but less than 120 semester hours. If you are in the process of taking classes that will put you at the required limit once completed, you can still apply. This scholarship is available for Navy option only. Minimum requirements are a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must be admitted to or in the process of applying to the university affiliated with the NROTC unit. The application can be located at nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships. Two- and three- year scholarship applicants compete nation-wide against current midshipmen at all NROTC supporting universities. It is recommended to greatly exceed the minimums to be competitive for one of these scholarships. Once completed, the application must be turned into the local NROTC by 30 April.

Lastly, if a Four-Year national or MSISR 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 3.0 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 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. The goal of College Program Midshipmen is to earn a scholarship or Advance Standing. Both scholarships and advance standing are nationally competitive and a requirement to continue in the program beyond sophomore year. Advance Standing *does not* pay for college. It does guarantee a commission upon graduation. All College Program Midshipmen must earn a scholarship or advanced standing by the beginning of their junior year or they will be dis-enrolled from NROTC.

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 Calculus as a freshman in college. This requirement does not apply to 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 6:00-7:00 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.

If you have any questions, you can reach me by calling 757-683-5307, or by emailing hrrnrotc-recruiter@odu.edu.

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