

Program Authorization: The Medical Corps (MC) Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) Navy-Pre-medical option scholarship program is available to students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree to prepare for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and admission to medical school via a Navy student pipeline (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) or Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP)). Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) is the program manager.

1. Program Authority: Title 10 U.S. Code, Chapters 103, 104 and 105.
2. Cancellation: Not applicable.
3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training, N1.
4. Qualifications: NROTC Navy-Pre-medical option scholarship program applicants must meet NROTC scholarship application eligibility standards as specified in COMNAVCRUITCOM 1533.4K with the additional eligibility standard of having achieved a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or a minimum SAT score of 1300, or composite ACT score of 28. Full-time college students at NROTC-affiliated educational institutions not already on an NROTC scholarship may apply through their educational institution's NROTC unit for a Navy-Pre-medical option side-load scholarship if, at the conclusion of their first (2 semesters/3 quarters) or second (4 semesters/6 quarters) academic year they are maintaining a college GPA of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Once selected and accessed into the NROTC program, midshipmen (MIDN) participating in the program must satisfy all NROTC commissioning requirements for regular Navy-option MIDN as listed in the Officer Professional Core Competencies Manual, NSTC M-1533.2 (series) Regulations for Officer Development, OPNAVINST 1530.8 (series) Midshipmen Summer Training Program, DoDI 1215.08 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Programs, and 10 U.S. Code Chapter 103.
5. Waivers: The only mitigation for a low GPA is to submit a higher SAT/ACT Score as per the above paragraph. The average college GPA of those admitted to medical school is 3.5.
6. Accession Source: Per NSTC M-1533.2 (series).
7. Enlistment: Enlistment in the U.S. Navy Reserve required as per 10 U.S. Code § 2107 while a NROTC participant midshipman. Enlistment for NROTC participant midshipmen who complete the course and commission terminates upon commissioning.
8. Appointment: Pre-med graduates will be appointed per their follow-on medical school student pipeline. Those who attend USU Medical School will commission as ensigns (designator 1970); AFHPSP will commission as ensigns (designator 1975) inactive U.S. Navy Reserve. Appointments shall be made subject to the guidance governing entry grade, date of rank, precedence, and application processes.

9. Service Obligation


a. Once a scholarship is activated, NROTC Navy-Pre-medical option scholarship MIDN incur the NROTC service obligation. Service obligations for USU and AFHPSP begin on completion of residency or internship and are served consecutively with the NROTC Program obligation.

b. Selectees who fail to gain acceptance to a medical school or disenroll from pre-medical studies in accordance with OPNAVINST 1120.4C will be commissioned into a designator in which the selectee can best serve the needs of the Navy.

c. Selectees who do not complete the four-year course of instruction or decline commission when offered may be ordered to active duty to serve in an enlisted grade or rating as per 10 U.S. Code § 2107.

d. Selectees may be required to reimburse the United States for costs of education if selectee fails to complete the service obligation in accordance with 37 U.S. Code §373.

10. Pay and Allowances: Selectees receive tuition and benefits in accordance with NSTC M-1533.2 (series).

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