

Commissioning 101: Summary of Enlisted Commissioning Programs

PROGRAM	Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program (ASCP)	Professional Officers Course Early Release Program (POC-ERP)	Scholarships for Outstanding Airman (SOAR)	Officer Training School (OTS)	Nurse Education Commissioning Program (NECP)	Air Force Academy /Prep School (LEAD)	Medical Service Corps (MSC)	Physician Assistant Program (PA)	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)
Stay on Active Duty?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, but Prep School Students earn retirement points	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scholarship Funding?	\$18,000 Cap	No	\$18,000 Cap	N/A	No	Full Scholarship	N/A	Full Scholarship	Full Scholarship
Stipend	Yes, \$250-\$400/mo	Yes, \$350-\$400/m	Yes, \$250-\$400/mo	N/A	No	No	No	No	No
Textbooks	\$900/yr	No	\$900/yr	N/A	\$600/yr	Provided by USAFA	N/A	Provided by AF	Provided by DoD
Age requirements	Under 31 on Dec 31 of the year you graduate & commission	Must commission by age 30. Up to age 35 with a waiver.	Under 31 on Dec 31 of the year you graduate & commission.	Rated: Applicants 28-29 require a waiver. Ages 30+ cannot apply. Non-rated: Must commission prior to age 35.	Under age 42 at time of commissioning	Prep school: Under age 22 by 1 July of entry year. Academy: Under age 23 by 1 July of entry year.	Must be commissioned by age 42 & have less than 12 years AD service.	Under age 42 by completion of Phase II training.	Under 36 at time of application
ROTC Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No – students attend COT.	No	No	No	No – students receive direct commission & attend DoD run medical school.
GPA Requirements	2.5 (24+ hrs graded credit). If less than 24 hrs graded credit, must have ACT of 24+ or SAT of 1100+ or AFOQT Academic Aptitude score of 47.	2.5 (24+ hrs graded credit). If less than 24 hrs graded credit, must have ACT of 24+ or SAT of 1100+ or AFOQT Academic Aptitude score of 47.	2.5 (24+ hrs graded credit). If less than 24 hrs graded credit, must have ACT of 24+ or SAT of 1100+ or AFOQT Academic Aptitude score of 47.	Rated: 2.5 Non-rated: 3.0 TDSP (Engineering Majors): 3.0	2.75 (59+ hrs graded credit).	Top 40% of high school class.	3.0 Preferred	3.0 in Math & Science courses 2.5 in all others	3.5 Average
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Academic Majors	See website for more information	See website for more information	Any Major	Any Major. Priority given to technical fields.	Nursing (B.S. only)	30+ Majors related to Air Force Career Fields.	See website for more information	See website for more information	See website for more information
Length of Training	2 to 4 years	2 years	2 to 4 years	12 weeks	Exactly 2 years	Prep School: 10 months Academy: 4 yrs	COT: 5 weeks	COT: 5 weeks	Depends on the program- typically 4+ yrs.
Application Deadline	Waivers: NLT 15 September Application: NLT 15 October	Waivers: NLT 1 September Application: NLT 15 October	Waivers: NLT 1 Sept to HQROTC Application: NLT 15 Oct to MAJCOM	Rated/Non-Rated: vary each FY. Dates posted on AFVEC. TDSP: Any day of the yr.	Varies depending on AF needs. Check program website for dates.	AF Form 1786 to USAFA NLT 31 January	You may apply anytime via the MSC website	Varies on AF needs. See AFPC website for current info or call 1-800-588-5260.	1 January

Information current as of 28 April 14. Please visit the websites below for the most up to date information:

Web sites:

ASPC, POC-ERP, and SOAR

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/EnlistedCommissioning.asp>

OTS

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/OTS/index.asp>

NECP

<https://kx.afms.mil/kxweb/dotmil/kj.do?functionalArea=AFNurseEducation>

AF Academy and Prep School

<http://www.usafa.af.mil>

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Medical Service Corps

<https://kx.afms.mil/mscutilizationandeducation>

Physician Assistant Program

<https://kx.afms.mil/kxweb/dotmil/kj.do?functionalArea=AFBSCEducation>

www.AIRFORCE.COM/HEALTHCARE

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

<http://www.usuhs.mil/>