

# ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

This is a supplemental guide for incoming freshmen or transfer students seeking an Army ROTC scholarship at Seton Hall University. Please email or call us if this does not answer all of your questions. You can reach us at (973) 699-0325 or (973) 761-9446, [rotc@shu.edu](mailto:rotc@shu.edu).

## 1. OVERVIEW

- a. Scholarship allocations vary by year and type of scholarship.
- b. The scholarship process typically includes three rounds of evaluation. To make yourself the most competitive, complete your application for both the University and the Army ROTC scholarship as soon as possible.
- c. Scholarships are awarded based on an internally created order of merit list (OML). The OML gives us a tool to evaluate scholarship candidates by ranking individuals on the following: SAL criteria or Whole Person Score (WPS), interview and Scholarship Board.

SAL Criteria or Whole Person Score (WPS) is determined by Cadet Command based on the information you provide during your application process. Interviews can be conducted at Seton Hall or by phone. We recommend that you interview in person (if possible) at Seton Hall if it is one of your top choices of schools to attend. Lastly, the Scholarship Board reviews all of your credentials (packet) and you are awarded an overall score. The total of the three aforementioned categories determines your total score. You are then rank ordered against all of the other candidates who have applied (typically 100 high school applicants/year). The top candidates will be offered scholarships. Be advised, we usually have additional scholarships available after the school year starts.

## 2. WHAT MAKES YOU COMPETITIVE FOR AN ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP?

We are looking for motivated, well-rounded individuals to become the future warrior-leaders of the United States Army. We target the “Scholar – Athlete – Leader” (SAL). To find out if you are a SAL, review the following:

### SAL Criteria

#### **Student Instructions:**

Please note any of the following SAL criteria you may have to justify your scholarship application and turn-in to your instructor by her/his deadline. Include both high school and college.

#### **College Criteria**

##### **Scholar (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Campus Academic Honors Designee
- Cumulative GPA over 3.0 *and* SAT/ACT over 1100/21 (Freshmen and G2G)
- Top third of class *and either*
  - Cumulative GPA over 3.0
  - *and* SAT/ACT score above 1100/21 (Freshman & G2G)
- In a academic program with the Academic Discipline Mix (ADM) coding of 3, 4 or IAW CC Reg 145-12 and a cumulative GPA over 2.5

**Athlete (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Current member of college competitive or intramural team
- Current member of regional/city/competitive league
- *Either* active competitive involvement in organized team sports / unit sports team (G2G) *or* active involvement in individual athletic competitions (triathlon, mountain biking, running, martial arts, etc)

**Leader (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Elected member of student government, class, activity
- Captain of college athletic or academic team
- Eagle Scout / Gold Star
- Prior Service NCO (reserve or active duty)
- Owns/runs own business or in supervisory position
- Serves in position of responsibility in school/club or private organization *and* leader in volunteer service organizations/activities

**High School Criteria (4-Year Scholarship Awardees)**

**Scholar (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Valedictorian/Salutatorian
- Membership in National Honor Society
- Honors or Advanced Placement Program graduate
- GPA over 3.0 and SAT/ACT over 1100/21
- Top 10 percent of class *and either*
  - GPA over 3.0 *or*
  - SAT/ACT score above 1100/21

**Athlete (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Varsity Letter from HS team
- Member of regional/city/competitive league
- *Either* active involvement in organized competitive team sports *or* active involvement in individual athletic competitions (triathlon, mountain biking, running, martial arts, etc)

**Leader (only requires one of the following bullets)**

- Elected member of student government, class, activity
- Captain of athletic or academic team
- Eagle Scout / Gold Star
- Served in position of responsibility in school/club or private organization *and* leader in volunteer service organizations/activities

Here a few tips to make yourself more competitive for an AROTC scholarship to Seton Hall University:

- Select Seton Hall 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> when applying online @ armyrotc.com
- Enhance your SAL criteria
- Be accepted to Seton Hall (or at a minimum have applied)
- Be physically qualified (DODMERB Medical Physical)
- Pass an Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT)
- Be a SAL (the more credentials, the better).

### 3. INCOMING FRESHMEN

a. High school seniors - If you are a high school senior, your first step is to apply (**and be accepted**) to Seton Hall University:

b. If you are interested in an Army ROTC 4-year scholarship you can apply online:

*[http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high\\_school\\_students.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp)*

The application requires you to provide follow-up documentation and complete a physical (at no cost to you) at a later date. The deadline for Army ROTC scholarships for each school year (SY) is December 1st of the year prior to entry; i.e. – If you want a scholarship for fall, you must have your application in by December 1st. You can start applying online in mid-July (or soon-thereafter). The earlier you complete the application process, the better.

c. High school juniors – If you are a high school junior inquiring about our program, please check out our website for additional information and apply for an Army ROTC scholarship in the summer between your junior and senior year, no later than December 1st of your senior year in high school. To make yourself more competitive and increase your chances of receiving a scholarship, look at our SAL criteria (explained above) and enhance your SAL resume as much as possible before you apply for the scholarship (i.e. join athletic and academic clubs, student government, and study hard to get a great GPA!!)

### 4. SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE (Incoming Freshmen Only):

**October 15** – Offer first-round scholarship(s)

**February 10** – Offer second-round scholarship(s)

**April 15** – Offer third-round scholarship(s)

\*Dates are subject to change.

5. TRANSFER STUDENTS - If you are transferring from another college, again your first step is to get accepted to Seton Hall University, then join our program in order to be eligible for a scholarship. We offer 4, 3, and 2-year scholarships, targeting the SAL criteria we alluded to earlier. Again, you must enroll in our program to be eligible for the scholarship – we do not award scholarships before the SY starts. We also have other programs that can assist you financially, such as our Simultaneous Member Program (SMP), which can pay up to \$1,400.00 a month in your junior & senior years as well as Federal Tuition Assistance. Call or email us for more information on the SMP program. Please contact us well in advance if you are planning on transferring to Seton Hall University.

*[http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/college\\_students.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/college_students.jsp)*