

Minuteman Scholarship

Minuteman Scholarships can be either two-year GRFD scholarships or DEDNG-GRFD scholarships that cover up to four years. They guarantee that Cadets who commission as Army officers will serve in the Guard. A Minuteman Scholarship requires a nomination letter as part of the scholarship packet and offers either full tuition and mandatory fees or a room and board flat rate of \$10,000 per year, covering up to four years (or eight semesters) of benefits. Minuteman Scholarship recipients also receive a \$1,200 annual book allowance and a monthly stipend of \$420 for 10 months of the academic year. Minuteman Scholarship Cadets must participate in the SMP while attending college, so they will also receive pay for attending a drill one weekend per month and a two-week annual training in a local Guard unit. In return for these scholarship benefits, a Minuteman Cadet will serve as a Commissioned Officer in the Guard in a drilling status for eight years after graduation.

The Army's Accession Command is responsible for executing the annual Minuteman Program. The annual goal of the program is for every TAG to fill your allocated Minuteman Scholarship nominations and work with your CASAs to ensure they fill their nominations. I would encourage you to reach out to your CASAs and make sure they understand the program and fill their nominations. In some cases they may allow you to provide them with personnel to fill the scholarships. In many states, the RRC will build and maintain an OML that has more nominations than what you are authorized to submit. In order to get any additional slots, you will have to work with your CASA's for using their nominations and talk with fellow TAGs to see if they are not filling their nominations. NGB does not centrally manage the nominations, it is managed by Cadet Command and all nominations are sent directly from S/T to Cadet Command..

Nominations - Each TAG has six (6) nominations and USAR MSC is authorized four (4) nominations. Each CASA and Army Reserve Ambassador (ARA) may nominate two (2) applicants as Minuteman Scholarships recipients. CASAs can use their nomination slots for either the Minuteman Scholarship or a similar Army Reserve program, while TAGs are limited to the Army National Guard. However, if you work with your CASAs, you might be able to use their nominations to support your program.

Unlike other ROTC scholarship programs, the Minuteman Scholarship allows cadets to combine their scholarship benefits with many other tuition assistance programs -- such as state tuition assistance -- they may be eligible to receive. These additional benefits are often used by cadets to pay for room, board and other expenses while applying their scholarship to tuition and fees. Only the [Minuteman Scholarship] has the ability to stack benefits like this in Army ROTC." Because recipients of the Minuteman Scholarship have already enlisted, they receive standard pay and allowances and are eligible for Tricare Reserve Select health insurance and retirement programs such as the Thrift Savings Plan. Additionally, an earlier military entry date may also help with promotions and opportunities with time-in-service requirements. This may provide the cadet with as much as four years' time-in-service while serving as a cadet. While the scholarship offers many benefits, few have applied for it in recent years. Last year 154

[adjutant general] nominations and 291 CASA nominations went unutilized. Many of the three-year and below [Minuteman Scholarships] were left on the table.

Minuteman Scholarship Cadets can be nominated from any State Adjutant General (TAG) or any Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) in lengths of two years, up to four years, for a scholarship. These scholarships are limited each year, and applications require a nomination memo with a handwritten signature from the nomination source.

For more specific information and to learn how to apply, follow this link: <https://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/arng.aspx>

Requirements

In order to qualify for these scholarships, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be accepted to a college/university with an ROTC program
- Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and maintain a 2.0
- As an incoming freshman, have a minimum 19 ACT or 1000 SAT to qualify for the four-year Minuteman Scholarship
- Be under 31 years of age for the entire year of commissioning
- Be a full-time student
- Complete the ROTC Basic Course requirements or Basic Combat Training
- Be medically and morally qualified