

Army ROTC Illinois State Tuition Waivers

The State of Illinois offers Illinois State Tuition Waivers for every State University that offers the Army ROTC program. These tuition waivers are offered for the fall and spring semesters. If awarded, 100% tuition and the General Activity Fee will be waived for that semester.

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Army ROTC program has an agreement with John A. Logan Community College. A student can enroll and fully participate in the ROTC program at SIUC while attending John A Logan for the first two years. Based on the Illinois State guidelines (listed below), SIUC Army ROTC can award up to three Illinois State Tuition Waivers to eligible students from John A. Logan that meet these criteria.

Students must apply every semester. The State of Illinois mandates Army ROTC award 10 waivers per Military Science class. Applications are distributed the first week of each semester and waivers are awarded by mid-semester. If awarded, the recipient must meet the basic requirements to maintain the tuition waiver for that semester.

(105ILCS 5/30-16.2) Sec. 30-16.2. Eligible recipients. Those residents of the state of Illinois whose scholastic standing will enable them to enroll in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps programs of the several Armed Forces available at universities supported by the state of Illinois are considered as eligible recipients for scholarships set forth on section 30-16.3

(105ILCS 5/30-16.3) Sec. 30-16.3. Availability of Scholarships

Scholarships shall be awarded on the following basis:

- (a) One scholastic scholarship to an eligible recipient from each private junior college and public community college which has a total enrollment of less than 500 students
- (b) Two scholarships to eligible recipients from each private junior college and public community college which has an enrollment of 500 or more, but less than 1,000 students
- (c) Three scholarships to eligible recipients from private junior college and public community colleges which has an enrollment of 1,000 or more students
- (d) The equivalent of 10 scholarships per class, per branch of service, each academic year to eligible recipients

Eligibility Requirements

All students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree who are residents of the state of Illinois, registered with Selective Service, and satisfy the criteria below are eligible to apply for these tuition waivers. Illinois ROTC programs will not award unused waivers to students who do not meet the eligibility requirements.

1. Meet all academic requirements of their university and be eligible to meet all commissioning requirements (pre-qualify per AR 145-1) upon graduation and completion of Army ROTC.

2. Complete all medical requirements within the second semester of being awarded this scholarship. This must be completed in order for this scholarship to be awarded in subsequent semesters.
3. Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. Earn at least a 2.0 each semester and a 3.0 in Army ROTC. In the case of incoming freshmen who have not established a college GPA, the minimum standard is a 2.5 high school GPA and a score of 19 on the ACT.
4. Be a resident of the state of Illinois.
5. Students will achieve a score of 60 points in each event on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) by the end of the first semester that the scholarship is awarded and maintain a score of 60 points in each event for every subsequent semester that the scholarship is awarded.
6. Be in compliance with the Army height/weight/body fat standards or show progress toward attaining the standards. Acceptable progress will be determined by the Professor of Military Science (PMS).
7. Enroll in an Army ROTC course as a Cadet.
8. Attendance:
 - Attend at least 95% of all required physical training, including APFT sessions.
 - Attend at least 95% of all required classes and labs.
 - Participate in the Field Training Exercise (FTX) for that semester unless excused in advance by the PMS.

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