

2024 J-100 CHARACTER-IN-LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
(Type 1, HSSP + \$10K Annual Housing Allowance + Annual Book Stipend + Monthly Cadet Stipend)

Greetings Instructors,

Headquarters Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (HQ AFJROTC) is proud to announce the fourth annual J-100 AFJROTC Character-in Leadership scholarship program. This 4-year scholarship is only available through AFJROTC and it recognizes outstanding high school seniors enrolled in Air Force and Space Force JROTC. This effort is possible through Air University (AU) and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) and it makes college a reality for cadets in the Air Force's most diverse program.

DESCRIPTION

The J-100 AFJROTC Character-in-Leadership Scholarship program (Type 1, HSSP) provides 100 cadets a full scholarship with benefits including: 4-years of 100% paid tuition at any university, or crosstown partner, with an AFROTC detachment; a \$10,000 per-year allowance for university-owned/on-campus housing; an annual book stipend; and a monthly cadet stipend. There are no specific degree requirements; however, cadets are encouraged to consider technical degrees (i.e., Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, etc....) to meet the growing demand for these disciplines. Accepting the scholarship will require a cadet to meet all AFROTC requirements and pursue an officer commission.

The J-100 scholarship program focuses on character, leadership development, and citizenship and it inspires future leaders to seek careers in the US Air Force and Space Force. The J-100 program is open to all eligible cadets and is designed to provide an extraordinary opportunity for our diverse pool of candidates. Unit instructors are highly encouraged to take advantage of this remarkable program.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The 2024 J-100 AFJROTC Character-in-Leadership Scholarship is for AFJROTC or SFJROTC graduating high school seniors with a minimum of 2 or more years of JROTC experience. Unit instructors may nominate 1-4 eligible cadets for this scholarship program, based on unit size. Cadets must ACCEPT the nomination before they can continue with the application. Declinations will reset the unit nomination allocation to allow instructors to nominate another cadet.

1-100 Active Cadets = 1 Nomination
101-200 Active Cadets = 2 Nominations
201-300 Active Cadets = 3 Nominations
301 or more Active Cadets = 4 Nominations

This is an extremely competitive program therefore, unit instructors must screen all applicants to ensure they are able to meet post-selection requirements. Earning the scholarship and attending a university is not enough; the goal is to commission as an officer in the USAF or USSF.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.0 *unweighted* GPA
- 22 ACT or 1100 SAT (See Note 1)
- 75% PFT (New AFJROTC Fitness Standard)
- Minimum of 2 calendar years of AFJROTC experience (See Note 2, 3, and 4)
- US Citizen, or eligible to obtain US citizenship by first term of college freshman year (See Note 5)

Note 1: ACT/SAT scores are a mandatory requirement for AFROTC scholarships, even if universities don't require them.

Note 2: For Traditional schedule, the cadet's senior year counts as 1-year.

Note 3: For 4x4 Block schedule, one semester counts as 1-year. Cadets must complete 2 semesters, in two separate school years.

Note 4: For schedules other than Traditional or Block, contact J-100 program office for guidance.

Note 5: Permanent Resident status does constitute US citizenship.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

The program utilizes an established AFROTC scholarship application process with additional AFJROTC sections. Cadets **and** instructors have required actions throughout the application process. All eligible applicants will meet a quantitative board based on weighted portions of the application. The top 200 applicants from this board will move on to the interview process.

- 40% Application Data

- 20% Instructor Endorsement

- 20% Academic Score

- 20% Fitness Score

The application process starts with instructors nominating an eligible cadet(s). It is imperative that SASI/ASIs pre-screen potential candidates and consider well-rounded cadets who have demonstrated leadership, character, and citizenship in and out of JROTC. Certain modules in the application require instructor validation of cadet data input, so please ensure enough time is allotted for both instructor and cadet actions. No extensions will be granted to the application deadline.

Instructors and potentially nominated applicants should review AFROTC's university list (website link is <https://www.afrotc.com/college-locator/>). Nominated applicants are encouraged to start college application actions prior to the J-100 application deadline. This is critical, as any AFJROTC scholarship select must have a **Letter of Acceptance** from their school of choice to accept the scholarship.

2023-2024 TIMELINE

- **11 Sep 23 – 1 Dec 23: Application Window for Cadets and Instructors**
 - **3-5 Oct 23: Zoom Call Sessions for Instructors (1 Session per Day)**
 - **Applications Close 1 Dec 23, 1200 CST (Hard Deadline)**
- **4-7 Dec 23: HQ AFJROTC Application Review to Determine Top 200 Finalists**
- **8 Dec 23: Announcement of Finalists for Leadership Evaluation Board (LEB)**
 - **8-15 Dec 23: Interview Scheduling by LEB Panel Leads**
- **8-12 Jan 24: LEB Interviews**
- **26 Jan 24: Announcement of J-100 Scholarship Selects**
 - **6 – 8 Feb 24: Zoom Call Sessions for Scholarship Selects (1 Session per Day)**
- **1 Feb – 30 Apr 24: Cadets Accept or Decline Scholarship Offers in WINGS (Hard Deadline)**
 - **31 May 2024: AFROTC Deadline to Validate Scholarship Offer Status in WINGS**

For program or application questions, please contact the HQ AFJROTC J-100 Program office at jrotc.j100@au.af.edu or call 334-953-0265. For WINGS-related questions, please contact the Help Desk at holmcenter.wings.support@us.af.mil.