



How do we Start?

We recommend taking the following steps:

- ◆ Encourage your student to contact our office early to get on our mailing list. This will keep them up to date with current information and help them connect with other incoming cadets.
- ◆ You both should visit our website for more information about our program. www.afrotc.msstate.edu There, your student can review our cadet guide, sign up for in-processing, and view the list of documents they need to bring with them to become an active cadet.
- ◆ Consider choosing the “AFROTC Living, Learning Community” during dorm selection to live with fellow cadets.
- ◆ During University orientation, be sure their Academic Advisor enrolls them in AS 1011 and AS 1102.
- ◆ Encourage your student to attend Cadet Intro Day, usually the day before classes start, for a glimpse at cadet life. (Cadets Only)
- ◆ Be sure to establish a solid line of communication between yourself and your cadet. Cadre are not permitted to discuss your student’s progress with you once they begin the program due to federal FERPA (student privacy) law and Air Force regulations.

About us:

Air Force ROTC Detachment 425 is a training environment for students wanting to serve their country in the United States Air Force or Space Force. We host a dynamic learning environment under the guidance of U.S. Air Force officers, enlisted members (cadre) and student cadet leaders. AFROTC and Mississippi State University offers scholarship opportunities for cadets during college. Upon successful completion of the program, AFROTC guarantees your son or daughter a job after college. Detachment 425 provides top tier training in preparation for that future.

For more details, or to speak with an officer about the program, please visit our website or call/email to schedule a visit.



PARENT’S GUIDE
to
LIFE AS AN AFROTC CADET



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AFROTC is not a club; it is a commissioning program with an academic curriculum that confers a minor in Aerospace Studies upon graduation. The following is the typical four-year progression:

GMC (General Military Course): For the first two years, the focus is on Air Force history and traditions, basic leadership skills, and the first steps towards strong leadership: followership. Freshmen (AS100s) and Sophomores (AS200s) attend one hour classroom, two hour LLAB*, and 2-3 hours Physical Training (PT) weekly each semester.

Note: Unless your cadet is on AFROTC scholarship, there is NO service commitment in the first two yrs.

Summer between AS200 and AS300 Year: Field Training (FT) – two weeks of “AFROTC Boot Camp” at Maxwell AFB. Cadets who are selected to attend Field Training will be trained and evaluated by Air Force officers and enlisted members. Upon selection to attend FT, cadets are contracted to the US Air Force and are eligible to receive an AFROTC tuition scholarship and monthly stipend following FT graduation.

***LLAB: Leadership Lab** is hands-on training where upperclassmen teach GMC basic skills in drill & ceremonies, followership, leadership, and problem solving under the supervision of active duty officer cadre.

POC (Professional Officer Course): The next two years are focused on hands-on leadership training. Juniors (AS300s) will take their first formal leadership roles in the Cadet Wing, training the GMC cadets. Seniors (AS400s) form the command structure of the Cadet Wing, building and executing the semester’s training plan and objectives. POC cadets attend 3 hours in the classroom, 3 hours of LLAB*, and 2-3 hours PT weekly each semester.

Note: Most students in a tech major will take 5 yrs to graduate. Those students in their fifth year are called extended cadets. They will attend LLAB and PT, but do not take the academic class.

Commissioning: Upon graduation, cadets will commission as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force or Space Force .

Air Force ROTC - developing leaders of character for tomorrow's United States Air Force and Space Force

Opportunities & Skill Sets

Opportunities:

- Scholarships
- Aviation Training – Aircraft and Sim
- Base Visits
- Interactions with Active Duty Officers
- Special Competitive Programs

Skill Sets:

- Time Management Skills
- Leadership and Followership
- Honor: Integrity, Service, Excellence
- Teamwork

Frequently Asked Questions

Are AFROTC cadets considered active duty?

A: No; they will not go on active duty until after they graduate and commission.

If my student joins, are they committed?

A: No; there is **no commitment** during the first two years (unless the student accepts an AFROTC scholarship).

How does my student apply for a scholarship?

A: As an active cadet, there will be opportunities to earn a scholarship during the first two years. It is based on cadet ranking, GPA, and fitness. Eligible cadets will be nominated by cadre.

Does my student need to be a specific major?

A: No; any major is acceptable.

Does my student have to start as a freshman?

A: No; they can start as a sophomore. However, it is highly recommended to join as a freshman.

What is the commitment after graduation?

A: Typically 4 yrs active duty for most jobs, but longer for aviation and special operations.

