



OVERVIEW

The Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program (POC-ERP) offers active duty Air Force enlisted personnel who can complete all degree and commissioning requirements within two years an opportunity for an early release from active duty to enter AFROTC and receive a commission as an Air Force officer.

Members selected for the POC-ERP will separate from active duty, sign a contract with AFROTC and become full-time college students. The program is open to undergraduate students. Upon completion of all degree and commissioning requirements, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants and returned to active duty for a period of at least four years.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for the POC-ERP, an applicant must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Have one year's time in service (may be waivable)
- Have one year's time on station (may be waivable)
- Be recommended by immediate commander
- Pass the AFROTC physical fitness test
- Be eligible for continued enlistment and commissioning as determined by AF Form 422 accomplished by MTF.
- Be admitted to a school offering AFROTC
- Have qualifying AFOQT scores: verbal - 15
quantitative - 10
- Must be commissioned and enter active duty before age 35 (must be under age 31 on 31 December of the commissioning year to receive any scholarship funds)
- Be able to complete all undergraduate degree requirements in two years or less (minimum 1.5 years with a waiver)
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative college grade point average
- Must not be selected for reassignment prior to submission of the application

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the most up-to-date information on POC-ERP application procedures and deadlines, go to <http://www.afoats.af.mil/afrotc/enlistedcommissioning>
Deadline to apply is 15 October each year.
(waiver requests are due 15 August.)

The POC-ERP is open to all academic majors.
Selection of non-technical majors are very limited.

Individuals selected for the POC-ERP will separate from active duty upon entering the program.
While in ROTC, they will no longer be receiving military pay or benefits. All members applying for the POC-ERP are required to provide proof that they have the financial means to make it through the program.

All cadets in the POC-ERP will receive a monthly tax-free stipend of \$350 - \$400 depending on class year. Additionally, members may use their MGIB benefits while in the program along with any additional grants or scholarships for which they may qualify.

Cadets who meet eligibility requirements may receive a Type VI scholarship which pays up to \$3,000 per year for tuition and fees, plus \$510 per year for books.