The NROTC Program Overview

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Commissioning Pathways into Naval Service

- US Naval Academy
- NROTC Program
  - Scholarship students – guaranteed commission
  - “College Program” – non-scholarship students
- Officer Candidate School
  - “Boot Camp” for officers!
  - College graduates
NROTC Program

• Established Aug 20, 1926
• 6 Universities
• Class of 1930
  – 126 commissionees in US
  – 3 obtained Flag rank
• 1932 – USMC joined ROTC program
Program Overview

- 73 Units nationwide - 164 universities
- Commission into Navy and Marine Corps
  - Marines, Surface, Submarines, Aviation, SEAL, EOD
  - Nurses available but extremely limited (7-10/year)
- National scholarship selection process
  - [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)
  - 7500 final applications
  - 5800 qualified
  - 1700 selects
  - 900 accept our offer
  - 700 graduates in 4 years
2 Types of Midshipman

• Scholarship
  – Awarded before arrival

• College Program
  – Non-scholarship
  – A “walk-on” midshipman
  – Must apply and be accepted by the local unit
  – Compete to earn a commission
    • Compete for scholarships: 4, 3, 2 year
    • Compete for “advanced standing”
      – Non-scholarship approval to continue to commissioning
      – Must be awarded prior to Junior Year
Our Recommendation: Seek a commission…

…via every possible route!

- Apply for NROTC Scholarship
  - Start at the end of Junior HS year!
- Reapply in Senior Year
- If enrolled at a university with a NROTC Program:
  - Apply to join the College Program
  - Continue to apply for scholarships
- If not accepted for scholarship
  - Apply for “Advanced Standing!”
- If all else, get a recruiter referral
  - Platoon Leader Course
  - Officer Candidate School
  - Nuclear Power Program
Scholarship Application

• Go to: www.nrotc.navy.mil
  – Review requirements and begin process there
  – Recruiters will be in touch

• The application:
  – Be VERY thorough and honest
    • You are converting your entire life onto sheets of paper
  – List EVERYTHING
  – Use remarks section to describe accomplishments
    • Make it easy to read – be clear and concise
  – Does your application accurately describe you?
The Application (cont)

• Don’t be daunted by the questions
• We look at a number of factors that may tell us your suitability to commission and serve:
  – Passion for Service
  – Academics
  – Character
  – Integrity
  – Athleticism
  – Citizenship

The Whole Candidate!
The Application (cont)

- SAT Scores (or ACT equivalent)
  - Retake again and again and again
    - “Highest Multiple Score” chosen
  - Average selectee: 1300+ Math/Verbal
  - SAT’s aren’t everything

- GPA
  - Average selectee GPA: 3.91
  - GPA isn’t everything
The Application (cont)

• College Choices
  – Choose 5 universities with NROTC programs
  – NROTC doesn’t get you accepted to your school
    • You must apply on your own and be admitted!
    • If not admitted to your top 5 – apply to other schools!
    • Apply early - schools have quotas!

• Majors – read about “Tiers” on the NROTC website
  – Most Midshipmen will be Tier 1 or 2 technical majors
  – Marine Options have no specific major requirement
Language skills, Regional Expertise, and Cultural awareness

• Are you interested in and LREC scholarship?

• Simply a check box on your application

• You will still be assigned traditional operational jobs in the Navy
  – Pilot, Surface and Submarine Warfare, SEAL, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, etc
  • We want officers with special skills for relevant regions of interest!
Application – The Bottom Line

• **Apply as early as possible.** Why?
  – If you do get the scholarship
    • NROTC units fill fast – early bird gets the worm!
    • Guarantees meeting University deadlines
    • More time to resolve issues
  – If you don’t get the scholarship
    • More time to reapply
    • More opportunity to retake the SATs
    • More opportunity to bolster your record
Other Pathways to Commission

• US Naval Academy – MIDN may apply!
  – You will still need to fulfill four years at USNA if accepted
• OCS (Navy and Marines)
  – Requires 4-Year Bachelor’s Degree
  – Process Managed by Naval Recruiting District (NRD) and Marine Recruiting Stations
  – Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC)
    • Special Program to Navy OCS
• Platoon Leaders Course (PLC)
  – Marines Only
  – See Marine Recruiting Station Officer Selection Officer (OSO) for requirements
Questions?

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