NROTC Commissioning Process
Using every option available to serve..

www.nrotc.navy.mil

Presented by NROTC Unit Rutgers
The Application

- FIRST: Go to: www.nrotc.navy.mil
  - Review requirements and begin process there
  - Recruiters will be in touch or you may initiate contact locally

- 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?
Eating the Cake…

…one layer at a time!

- Apply for NROTC Scholarship
  - Start at the end of Junior HS year!
  - Each year until 30 sem college credits

- If enrolled at a university with a NROTC Program:
  - Apply to join the College Program
  - Still apply for National Scholarship!

- If not accepted for scholarship
  - Through College Program, apply for “Advanced Standing!”

- If all else, get a recruiter referral
  - Platoon Leader Course
  - Officer Candidate School
  - Nuclear Power Program
• 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 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!
    • It is possible to get the scholarship but not be granted admission to the school of your choice
      – Be prepared for this
    • Apply to your choices early - schools have quotas!

• Majors
  – 85% must be “technical” – read about “Tiers” online

• 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
  – Guarantees meeting University deadlines
  – More time to resolve issues
• What if I don’t get the scholarship?
  – More time to reapply
  – More opportunity to retake the SATs
  – More opportunity to bolster your record
What if I don’t get it…

• Reapply!
  – Less than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours
  – Capture new accomplishments
  – Better SAT/ACTs?
  – Better GPA?
  – More personal achievement?

• Have you joined the NROTC Unit’s College Program yet?
  – If not – see the next page!
What if I don’t get it…

- Apply to join the NROTC College Program
  - Same eligibility rules apply – not everyone gets in!
  - You may apply for a scholarship and join this program
    - Optional but if you want to serve and are accepted…why not?
- Enroll in Naval Science classes
  - You don’t need to be in the College Program in 1st year to take
  - You need 8 classes to graduate/commission!
- Recommendation:
  - College Program is optional while you reapply in your Freshman year (1st year)
  - But you must join to open up other opportunities if you aren’t awarded a national scholarship!
  - Talk to Unit for guidance on how to do this
Got it!

“But I need more info on this “College Program!”
The College Program

• Non-scholarship commissioning source
  – Still a Midshipman
    • Just NOT a 4-Year Scholarship Applicant
  – To commission through NROTC you need a Scholarship or Advanced Standing Prior upon completion of your 2\textsuperscript{nd} year

• Scholarship opportunities for “College Programmers”
  – Called “Side Load” scholarships – very competitive
  – “Recycled” national scholarships when available – not always
  – Usually awarded as 4, 3, or 2 year scholarships
  – Unit must evaluate you for at least one semester and recommend

• Advanced Standing – Navy approval to commission
  – Approved to continue in the NROTC program to commissioning!
  – Senior cruise and earn monthly stipend but no scholarship
  – You will graduate and commission like everyone else!
Other Routes 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?