

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on your decision to apply for a great future! The College Program is HIGHLY competitive and selection is based on the same factors that determine acceptance to the scholarship program. Students who are enrolled at either of our host universities, University of San Diego (USD) or San Diego State University (SDSU), or at our cross-town universities, Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), University of California, San Diego (UCSD), or San Marcos State University (CSUSM), may apply to the College Program at our NROTC Unit. College Program midshipmen participate in battalion functions alongside scholarship midshipmen. Uniforms and naval science textbooks are provided to all midshipmen. College Program midshipman will not incur any active service obligation to the Navy or Marine Corps until they accept a scholarship or advanced standing.

Scholarships are also available through this program. With a continued strong effort reflected in your academic performance, you can remain competitive for an NROTC scholarship starting your sophomore year. Navy Option College Program students should plan to take Calculus and Physics and should consider majoring in a tier I or II major to increase their chances of receiving a scholarship. Additionally, we highly encourage College Program applicants to apply for the NROTC National Scholarship (regardless if they have been previously denied this scholarship) via the NROTC website (note: if you already attend an NROTC affiliated university, you will only be able to apply for College Program):

[NROTC National Scholarship](#).

If you are interested in joining the San Diego NROTC Unit, please complete the attached College Program application forms. To start the Fall Semester, return this application no later than 01 April. Applicants will be notified of their admission into the College Program on a rolling basis. So you may submit this application as early as possible. These admissions will be both dependent on your strength of application and the amount of students who are currently in each year group. If accepted, students should plan to attend a three week training session prior to entering school in the Fall from late July to Mid-August. These dates do not interfere with any of our school start dates.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of requirements for your application:

1. Motivated to serve as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps
2. Be a U.S. or naturalized citizen or have submitted naturalization papers
3. Be enrolled full time at one of our host schools or cross- town schools
4. Have the ability to meet the height and weight requirements of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps
5. Have no felony convictions or convictions by court martial. Not awaiting criminal trial or sentencing

6. Have no body piercings or tattoos that violate U.S. Navy or Marine Corps policy
7. Have at least three years of college course work remaining until they receive a college degree
8. Be less than 27 years of age on 30 June of the calendar year in which you will be commissioned
9. **SAT/ACT Minimum Scores:** Minimum SAT (550 EBRW, 540 Math, combined 1100) or ACT (22 English, 21 Math, combined 44) scores are required.

AFQT Option: If SAT/ACT testing is inaccessible, an AFQT score of 81+ on the ASVAB is acceptable.

Score Validity: Test scores are valid up to four years before the application deadline.

Superscoring Policy: Applicants may combine the highest Math and English scores from multiple SAT or ACT tests, but not across different test types.

Note: If you cannot complete any of these requirements please reach out to our email, and we will discuss on a case by case basis.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please email your application materials. Complete and email the following forms in a PDF format to: SanDiegoCP@sandiego.edu

The following forms and documents are required for a completed application; please send completed applications in a consolidated email:

1. College Program Application NSTC Form 1533 (2 pages)
2. Personal Data Questionnaire
3. Copy of Letter of Acceptance to one of our host universities or cross town universities
4. Official SAT/ACT score report (this can be sent as a scanned PDF or photocopy of your score report)
5. Official high school transcript to include full senior year grades (this can be mailed directly from your high school **OR emailed to the email address above sent from a high school registrar/administrator**)
 - If you are already attending one college, please also send your college transcripts.
6. Personal statement with an answer to the following question: **Why do you want to join San Diego Naval ROTC to become a Naval Officer?** (there is no formatting or length requirement for this but no longer than one page)
7. Conduct an Applicant Fitness Assessment (AFA) for Navy Option, or Physical Fitness Test (PFT) for Marine Option. If you have previously completed either of these assessments within the past year, you may submit previous score reports.
 - a. Navy Option applicants only: complete the AFA in accordance with the following instructions and score sheet

- b. Marine Option applicants only: complete the PFT using the following score sheet (omit CFT portion) via one of the following options:
 - i. Primary - Marine Corps recruiter
 - ii. Secondary – Marine Corps JROTC staff
 - iii. Tertiary - Navy JROTC staff
- 8. Sports Physical completed by a physician clearing the applicant for physical activity and military training. **There is no formatting requirement for the sports physical – you can use any form your physician provides.**
DO NOT complete this any earlier than June 01, 90 days prior to arrival. If you complete this too early, you will have to do it again!
- 9. Optional but HIGHLY encouraged – Letters of Recommendation- This often set students apart for selection

Of note, students admitted to the College Program will be required to attend a New Student Orientation (NSO) that is tentatively scheduled for mid August at the University of San Diego (Lodging will be arranged and further information will be provided upon acceptance). This is in addition to the three-week training in Great Lakes called NSI (New Student Indoctrination).

Please remember — it is your responsibility to ensure all forms are filled out properly and all required documents are included in your package. Improperly filled out forms or missing documents will cause delays in the processing of your application. If you have any questions concerning any part of the NROTC program, feel free to contact the Recruiting Team at SanDiegoCP@sandiego.edu