

Scholarships

Are there scholarships available?

AFROTC provides several opportunities to compete for scholarships. Scholarships are available for high-performing cadets with outstanding GPA, physical fitness scores, SAT/ACT scores, and performance as a cadet overall. The **CMLA scholarship** offers monthly housing allowance, semester book stipend, and \$18K capped tuition. This is awarded after completing FT with passing requirements and contracting. 2-year scholarship only available for undergraduate students.



Scholarship requirements:

- Full-time Student (12 credit Hours)
- Minimum CGPA: 3.0
- Previous term GPA: 2.5
- Complete DoDMERB (Medical Physical)
- Passing PFA score
- (1240 SAT-E) or (26 ACT)

Current for AY 23-24

Scholarships

| Type | Semester | Quarter |
|--------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Type 1 | Uncapped | Uncapped |
| Type 2 | \$9,000 | \$6,000 |
| CMLA | Gen Charles McGee leadership award | |

What if I don't attend USC-Columbia?

No problem, some cadets attend one of six **cross-town schools** in the Columbia area: *Allen University, Claflin University, Benedict College, SC State, Midlands Tech, and Columbia College*. There are opportunities for **graduate students** to complete the program as well.

What is it like to be a cadet? Most days are no different than any other college student. You will attend classes, perhaps work a part-time job, and take part in many other recreational activities on and off campus. The average time a student spends on AFROTC activities is approximately 6-8 hours per week (168 Hours).

Find out more about Det 775 on our website!



Professional Development Training (PDT)

We offer plethora of opportunities paid by the Air Force such as incentive flights, study abroad opportunities, scholarships to earn flying hours, and so much more!

If you attend USC outside of Columbia and wish to join or just have questions, please contact (803) 777-4134 or AFROTC@mailbox.sc.edu



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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH
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School

Are there AFROTC Classes?

Yes! An AFROTC cadet takes Aerospace Studies courses that count toward their credit hours as a student. Class meetings are **1-2 times a week** depending on your classification level. To join the program, simply speak to your academic advisor and they will set you up to take **AERO 101** and **AERO 101L**.

What is “Aerospace Studies”

Aerospace Studies (AS or AERO) is a full spectrum view of how the Department of Defense and the Air Force operate internally and externally. Here a cadet learns leadership and followership, customs and courtesies with superiors and subordinates, history, heritage, and more! As a bonus, USC Aerospace Studies is accredited as a Minor.



AS-Classification for academics:

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| AS-100 | Freshmen | GMC(IMT) |
| AS-200 | Sophomore | GMC(FTP) |
| AS-300 | Junior | POC |
| AS-400 | Senior | POC |

Military Training



What is ‘Lead Lab’ (LLAB)? Leadership Laboratory is Professional Military Training (PMT) conducted on Thursdays from 2:50pm to 4:50pm. Here cadets receive more in-depth training to prepare for Field Training (FT) and eventually commissioning.

What do we learn in LLab?

Leadership, Followership, Confidence, Time management, Decision making, Effective communication, Resilience, and Dedication. These skills help develop our cadets into successful officers in the world’s greatest Air Force and Space Force.

What is Field Training (FT)?

FT is a 2–3 week evaluation of a cadet’s Air Force institutional competencies taught to them during their General Military Course (GMC) years. To commission, cadets **compete** as sophomores on a national level for an **Enrolment Allocation (EA)**. Once a cadet earns an EA they will go to FT during the following summer and, upon successful completion, become a member of Profession Officer Course (POC).

Physical Training (PT)

Fit to Fight!

At Det 775 we conduct PT two to three times a week from 6:00am – 7:00am. During PT we prepare ourselves to take the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)

What is the PFA?

The PFA is a physical fitness assessment cadets take every semester to gauge their fitness level. A passing score is required for commissioning and other major program milestones. The assessment consists of the following categories:

- Max Push-ups in 1 minute
- Max Sit-ups in 1 minute
- 1½ mile run (shortest time)
- Body composition (measurements)

PFA Scoring

| Category | Male minimum | Female minimum |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Push Ups | >33 | >18 |
| Sit Ups | >42 | >38 |
| 1 ½ Mile Run | <13:36 | <16:22 |

*Minimums change based on age group

