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From: Recruiting Officer, Naval ROTC Unit, University of South Carolina

To: Prospective Naval ROTC College Program Students

Subj: NAVAL ROTC PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDENT LETTER

Encl: (1) Document Return Checklist
(2) Memorandum of Understanding
(3) Student Questionnaire
(4) NSTC 1533/133 College Program Application

1. Greetings from Gamecock Country! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the University of South Carolina (USC) Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Unit. Every year, we welcome a select number of applicants to our Unit as non-scholarship College Program students, who participate fully in all of our events and compete for the opportunity to commission in the United States Naval Service. The forms in this package comprise your application to our Unit as a College Program student, and we look forward to reviewing your application. If accepted, your time here will prove to be challenging but rewarding. We are here to prepare young men and women mentally, morally, and physically to serve as commissioned Officers in the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. The information below will provide additional information about the College Program and guide you through the appropriate documents for our staff to review on our College Program Admissions Board.

2. General Information. The College Program is a non-funded opportunity for incoming or current students at USC to participate in NROTC. College Program students are responsible for funding the cost of their education and all additional costs of attending college (room, board, etc.), but participate in all unit activities throughout the school year. College Program students are not eligible to attend Summer Training until they are selected for a scholarship, or Advanced Standing. The scholarships available are the Sideload Scholarships, which provide the benefits of full tuition, fees, and stipends. Advanced Standing ensures a commission but does not cover tuition or fees.

Selection boards for Sideload Scholarships and Advanced Standing occur during the summer after each academic year. For Marine options, there are two Sideload Scholarship boards that occur once per term. Navigating these applications and the submission deadlines will be covered in great detail throughout the semester by the NROTC Advisors to ensure that every College Program student is afforded every opportunity to select for a scholarship option that leads toward a commission in the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

3. New Student Indoctrination (NSI). NSI is a physically demanding 2.5-week indoctrination course designed to provide standardized basic military instruction to Midshipmen Candidates. This course will facilitate the successful integration of new students into Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) and college life. This course is required to receive a scholarship. Further information will be provided by unit staff if you are accepted into the program. Please visit the NSI website here:

www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Current-and-Incoming-Midshipmen/New-Student-Indoctrination/

4. Alumni Association Scholarship. For those students who are admitted to our program as **out-of-state** College Program students, our strong Alumni Association provides a scholarship that enables recipients to pay their tuition rate at the Departmental Scholarship rate of approximately \$9500 per semester, a savings of over \$7500 per semester versus the standard non-resident tuition. Please visit the University of South Carolina's Bursar website here:

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/bursar/tuition_and_required_fees/index.php.

A list of eligible students will be submitted by the NROTC Unit Staff to the Bursar's Office, and those students will automatically be granted the near in-state tuition rate. Students remain eligible for the scholarship as long as they complete New Student Orientation, remain active in the Unit, demonstrate good aptitude for service, and maintain good academic standing.

5. New Student Orientation. If selected for the College Program at South Carolina, you must attend the NROTC New Student Orientation (NSO) at the University. The details of this NSO will be sent out after your acceptance into our program. NSO training takes place locally and ensures all students are aware of specific unit requirements, services, and support.

6. Physical Readiness. During NSO you will be administered a Navy inventory Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) or a Marine Physical Fitness Test (PFT). Conduct a preliminary service-appropriate PFA or PFT and submit the results on enclosure (3) with your application. The Navy PFA consists of maximum time holding plank, maximum push-ups in two minutes, and finally a timed 1.5-mile run. The Marine Corps PFT consists of maximum time holding plank, maximum pull-ups, and a timed 3.0-mile run. The score must be verified by a coach, gym teacher, school administrator, JROTC staff member, or active-duty military member. As a member of the Naval Service, it is important for you to be able to swim at least 500 yards without stopping. Your response regarding your swimming ability will not be taken into consideration when your application is being considered for acceptance. However, there is a swim qualification required for later success and retention in the program and this will aid in ensuring you are properly prepared to meet standards. It is highly recommended that you take swimming lessons if you do not know how to swim, as you will not be able to earn a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps without passing the swim qualification.

7. Personal Statement. One of the documents you must submit as part of your College Program Application is a personal statement, between 1 and 2 pages in length. This statement should address the topic of why you want to serve as an Officer in the United States Navy or United States Marine Corps. Beyond this general guidance, this essay is also an opportunity to discuss any leadership positions held, athletic endeavors, language expertise, and cultural experiences.

8. Administrative Information. You must fill out the forms included with this letter and send them to the Recruiting Officer. Forms can be submitted by mail to:

Recruiting Officer, NROTC Unit University of South Carolina
513 Pickens Street
Columbia, SC 29208-0064.

Use the Document Checklist to ensure you fill out and return all enclosures. Please print clearly in black ink on all pages. Applications will be accepted any time during the academic year, however, applicants will be notified of our decision no sooner than three weeks after it was received by the officer staff. If selected, more follow-up information will be sent regarding Naval Science Class registration, medical forms, and other administrative requirements that need to be completed prior to NSI and NSO.

9. Should you have any questions concerning these forms or any of the requirements associated with the program, please contact us at NAVYROTC@mailbox.sc.edu or call the Recruiting Officer at (803) 777-3451.

10. You are embarking on an ambitious and important mission here at the University of South Carolina NROTC Unit. The Naval ROTC staff looks forward to meeting you. Congratulations on your decision to serve your country!

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DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please verify that all of the following documents are completed before mailing your package to the Recruiting Coordinator, NROTC Unit University of South Carolina, 513 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29208-0064.

- o Memorandum of Understanding (Enclosure (2))
- o Student Questionnaire (Enclosure (3))
- o College Program Application (Enclosure (4))
- o Personal Essay (1-2 pages in length)
 - o Topic: "Why I want to serve as a Navy/Marine Officer"
- o Copy of high school (college if applicable) transcripts

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby authorize the Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit, University of South Carolina to provide such information from my University and Naval record (student file, academic and medical) as he/she deems necessary and appropriate, to the following personnel or agencies:

- a. My parents or guardian.
- b. Agencies of the Department of Defense.
- c. University of South Carolina officials.

That this authorization constitutes an exception to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and is limited to the period of time that I am affiliated with the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps or the University of South Carolina.

Such information as I desire released to any other persons or agencies must be accompanied by my specific authorization.

SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME (Last, First, Middle): _____

FULL SSN: _____ CONTACT PHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAVY OR MARINE OPTION: _____

GENDER (circle one): MALE FEMALE

*RACE: _____ *ETHNICITY: _____

HEIGHT (inches): _____ WEIGHT (lbs.): _____

RESIDENCE: _____ (Tuition Purposes) R = Resident of South Carolina
N = Non-Resident of South Carolina

INITIAL/INTENDED MAJOR: _____

MARITAL STATUS _____ M = Married
D = Divorced
S = Single

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: (For whom the student is responsible) _____

EAGLE SCOUT (YES/NO): _____

JUNIOR ROTC (YES/NO): _____ (IF YES INCLUDE BRANCH)

MILITARY: Child of a career military member (YES/NO): _____

HIGH SCHOOL TYPE: _____ 0 = Not Applicable (GED)
1 = Public (graduating class greater than 100)
2 = Public (graduating class less than 100)
3 = Private (graduating class greater than 100)
4 = Private (graduating class less than 100)

DEMOGRAPHIC: _____ 1 = Urban (city greater than 500,000)
2 = Suburban (city less than 500,000)
3 = Rural farming/country environment

*RESPONSE OPTIONAL

STUDENT'S LEVEL OF COMFORT IN THE WATER: _____

- 1 = Able to easily swim 500 or more yards
- 2 = Able to swim between 50 and 500 yards
- 3 = Able to swim 50 yards, but with some difficulty
- 4 = Able to stay afloat but not a good swimmer
- 5 = Not at all comfortable in the water or swimming

FITNESS TEST RESULTS

NAVY: PLANK: _____ (TIME)

PUSH-UPS: _____ (2 MINUTES)

1.5 MILE RUN TIME: _____

MARINE: PLANK: _____ (TIME)

PULL-UPS: _____

3.0 MILE RUN TIME: _____

Verification of Physical Test scores:

Printed Name Title Phone Number Signature

**NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
COLLEGE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0703-0026
OMB EXPIRATION DATE: 01/30/2026

AGENCY DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The public reporting burden for this collection of information, OMB-0703-0026, is estimated to average 3 hours and 35 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

AUTHORITY: The authority to request this information is contained in: 5 USC §301 (Authorizing Forms and Regulations); Executive Order 9397 (Use of Social Security Numbers).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): The information you provide will be used to determine whether you qualify, and should be nominated for, an NROTC College Program Scholarship. If you are nominated, the information will be used to enroll you into NROTC and will be used by the Navy in its management of the NROTC program. The following systems of records notices cover the collection of this information: N01131-1 located at <https://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNSIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570316/n01131-1/>.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information provided on the application will be used to screen and select individuals to receive NROTC Scholarships, to maintain data on the NROTC scholarship program, to compare to scholarship applicants from previous or subsequent years, and to provide academic data and contact information to Navy activities and admissions officials at colleges and universities so they can contact applicants for recruitment purposes. Other uses may include providing the information to officials and employees of: The Department of Transportation; other agencies of the Executive Branch upon request in relation to the management of quality of military recruitment; and the Department of Veterans Affairs and Selective Service Administration in relation to enlistment or reenlistment eligibility. Information you provide in this application is protected by the Privacy Act and will not be released outside of the Department of Defense without your permission unless it comes with an exception to the Act or one of the routine uses in 32 C.F.R. § 701.112, <https://www.navy.mil/privacy.asp>, and the routine uses set forth there. If you are nominated for an NROTC Scholarship, the information will be released to the top five schools you indicated on your application. Your information and notification of status may also be provided to your high school so they may assist with the final stages of the process.

DISCLOSURE: The social security number (SSN) is required at the time of application to ensure proper identification of the applicants. There are times applicants have the same names, therefore the SSN is required to ensure proper identification. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to do so may result in our inability to process your application for the NROTC program.

More information on the SORNS can be found at the following link(s):
<http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNSIndex/DODComponentArticleView/tabid/7489/Article/6411/n01131-1.aspx>,
<http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNSIndex/DODComponentArticleView/tabid/7489/Article/6410/n01080-3.aspx>.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First, MI, Last) _____ SSN (last 4) _____ Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Current Mailing Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian 1 _____ Name of Parent/Guardian 2 _____

Contact Information of Parent/Guardian 1 _____

Contact Information of Parent/Guardian 2 _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If naturalized, give date, place, court of jurisdiction, and certificate number. _____

Select Service Navy USMC _____

Service	Dates of Service	Highest Rank	EAOS	Type of Discharge
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Training Program	Position(s) Held	Awards	Grades of Participation			
			9	10	11	12
Select JROTC	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil Air Patrol	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (NDCC etc.)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

READ CAREFULLY: Identify only those activities in which you engaged during school grades 9-12. NROTC is particularly interested in identifying activities in which an applicant has participated involving responsibility and leadership.

Organization	Position(s) Held	Hours/Week	Grades of Participation			
			9	10	11	12
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

READ CAREFULLY: Identify only those sports in which you engaged during school grades 9-12. Mark the year(s) in which you were on the varsity team. If you 'lettered' in the sport list that in the awards. Mark 'JV/Club' if you participated at this level in any year. Do not list intramural activity.

Sport	Position(s) Held	Awards/Recognition	JV/Club	Varsity			
				9	10	11	12
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Attach additional sheets, if needed, to identify other activities not listed above that involve considerable responsibility and leadership. List positions held and the average number of hours devoted per week to the activity.

EMPLOYMENT

List in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent, each period of full-time, part-time, or self-employment. List inclusive dates for each period. If discharged for cause from any employment, so state. Include any leadership responsibilities.

Dates

From	To	Employer Name and Address	Hours/Week	Type of Work Performed

EDUCATION

List in reverse chronological order beginning with the most recent school attended. Include any/all college work, whether or not a degree was earned. Attach transcripts.

Dates

From	To	School Name and Address	Major	Degree

ACADEMICS

PSAT Verbal: Math: _____ High School Name: _____
 SAT Verbal: Math: _____ Class Rank: _____ GPA: _____
 ACT Verbal: Math: _____ Class Size: _____ GPA Scale: _____

Answer the following questions. If you answer 'Yes', provide explanations on an additional sheet. Yes No

1. Have you ever applied for or signed any agreement concerning any program leading to a commission in any of the Armed Forces of the United States?
 (If Yes, list the date, place of application, program applied for and current status of application.)

2. Have you signed an Enlistment Contract (DD Form 4) with any of the Armed Forces of the United States?
 (If 'Yes', list the date, place, service, and current status of enlistment.)

3. Have you ever been arrested, detained, indicted, summoned into court, or convicted for any violation of civil or military law, including juvenile offenses and moving traffic violations?
 (If 'Yes', give complete description of incident, name and place of court, nature of offense, date, and disposition of the case.)
4. Are you currently awaiting trial or sentencing, on probation, under suspended sentence, or under any other type of military or civilian restraint as a result of violation of law or regulation?
5. Have you ever been known by any other name or names other than that used in this application?
 (If 'Yes', explain in affidavit form and submit with application, even if differences were only differences in spelling.)
6. Do you have any moral obligations or personal convictions that will prevent you from conscientiously bearing arms and supporting and defending the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic?
7. Have you ever taken any narcotic, sedative, or tranquilizer drugs other than as prescribed by a physician or dentist?
 (If 'Yes', attach a statement with the full circumstances, number of time used, amounts taken, period over which taken, and intent for further use.)
8. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of trafficking illegal drugs?
9. Have you ever used LSD, marijuana, sniffed glue or used any other hallucinogens, hypnotic, stimulants, or other known harmful or habit- forming drugs and/or chemicals?
 (If 'Yes', attach a statement with the full circumstances, number of times used, amounts taken, period over which taken, and intent for further use.)

- I certify that all information given by me is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that this applicant questionnaire does not obligate me in any way, and that I may withdraw my application at any time.
- I understand that I am voluntarily applying for a military training program that may lead to an opportunity for commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. While participating in the program, I will be required to adhere to U.S. Navy and/or U.S. Marine Corps regulations as they apply to this program.
- The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps have medical and physical qualifications that I must satisfy before I am offered an opportunity to commission.
- By allowing me to participate in the program, neither the U.S. Navy nor the U.S. Marine Corps are making any representations that I will be offered an opportunity for commissioning as an officer.

 Signature

 Date

NROTC COLLEGE PROGRAM OATH

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

 Signature

 Date