

# Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC)



## University of South Carolina Detachment 775



Who can participate in the program? Undergraduate full-time students make up the majority of our cadets. Most attend USC, but some attend one of five cross-town schools in the greater Columbia metro area: Claflin, Benedict, SC State, Midlands Tech, and our newest addition, Columbia College as well as the USC satellite campuses. There are a few opportunities for graduate students as well.

What is it like to be a cadet? Most days are no different than any other USC or cross-town student. You will attend classes, perhaps work a part-time job, and take part in many other regular activities on and off campus. Each cadet is expected to attend physical training from 6-7 AM MWF each week, as well as their Aerospace Studies courses, and a two-hour leadership laboratory on Thursday afternoon. The average time a student spends on AFROTC activities is approximately 6-8 hours per week.

Are there scholarships available? Yes, AFROTC provides several opportunities to compete for scholarships. Most of these are awarded to those cadet pursuing technical degrees, but non-tech scholarships are available for high-performing cadets. Your GPA, physical fitness scores, SAT/ACT scores, and performance as a cadet are all factors in determining whether you are awarded a scholarship.

What is the commitment? Most AF jobs have a four year commitment for active duty service. Pilots and other rated officers have a 10-year commitment upon graduation.

How do I join? USC Freshmen can simply register for Aerospace Studies (AERO) 102 and AERO 102 Lab. Sophomores should sign up for AERO 102, AERO 202, and AERO 202L. Those who attend a cross-town school should call (803) 777-3450 for information on how to register.

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