

Educational Delay Law Program



CROSS INTO THE BLUE

OVERVIEW

The Educational (Ed) Delay Law Program is a three-year program for officers commissioned through Air Force ROTC who want to delay their entry on active duty to study law. Applicants are not guaranteed positions as Air Force Judge Advocates and must compete for selection both for entry into the program (Ed Delay – In) and for entry into The Judge Advocate General’s Department at the end of the program (Ed Delay – Out).

ELIGIBILITY

Interested students must:

- Have applied and ultimately be admitted to an ABA-approved law school
- Be in good academic standing
- Meet AFROTC commissioning standards

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE ED DELAY – COMING IN

Students apply through the local AFROTC detachment during the spring semester of their senior year in college. They should complete the on-line application provided by HQ USAF/JAG (at www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil). The deadline for completing the application paperwork and the hiring interview is 1 February.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE ED DELAY – COMING OUT

The second application process for selection as a judge advocate (Ed Delay – Out) occurs during the final term of law school. Students repeat the same application process they complete for entry into the program. The deadline for this application is 1 February.

SELECTION

Selection is on a best-qualified basis. Selection factors include academic performance, extracurricular activities, work experience, community service, military record and the interview recommendation. The best-qualified applicants are selected by The Judge Advocate General using recommendations from a board of senior judge advocates. The selection board (which reviews both Ed Delay – In and Ed Delay – Out) is convened in February each year, and applicants are notified of the results by letter.

WHILE IN THE PROGRAM

Participants in the Educational Delay Law Program are assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and are required to inform AFIT of their academic progress. They normally perform a summer internship between their second and third year of law school. Internships vary from 60 to 89 days, and during such periods officers draw full pay and benefits and travel allowances. Typically, the internship is performed at the base legal office nearest an officer’s place of residence.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Participants are responsible for the cost of their legal education and they do not receive military pay or benefits during their legal studies.