

Professional Officer Course – Early Release Program (POC-ERP)



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OVERVIEW

The Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Professional Officer Course – Early Release Program (POC-ERP) offers active duty Air Force enlisted personnel an opportunity for an early release from active duty to enter AFROTC and receive a commission as an Air Force officer.

Members selected for the POC-ERP will separate from active duty, sign a contract with AFROTC and become full-time college students. The program is open to undergraduate degrees only. Upon completion of all degree and commissioning requirements, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants and returned to active duty for a period of at least four years.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Have one year time in service (waiverable)
- Have one year time on station (waiverable)
- Be recommended by immediate commander
- Pass the AFROTC Physical Fitness Test
- Be world-wide qualified*
- Be admitted to a school offering AFROTC
- Have qualifying AFOQT scores
- Be commissioned and enter active duty before age 35
- Be able to complete all undergraduate degree requirements in two years or less (minimum 1.5 years with a waiver)
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative college grade point average
- Not be selected for a reassignment prior to submission of the application

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact your base education office and/or the Enlisted Commissioning Programs web site (<http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/EnlistedCommissioning.asp>) for guidance on the application process.

The POC-ERP is open to all academic majors.

While in ROTC, individuals will no longer receive military pay or benefits. All members applying for the POC-ERP are required to provide proof that they have the financial means to make it through the program.

All cadets in the POC-ERP will receive a nontaxable monthly stipend according to the chart below.

AFROTC Class	Monthly Stipend
AS300	\$450
AS400	\$500

Additionally, members may use their MGIB benefits while in the program along with any additional grants or scholarships for which they may qualify.

* As determined by AF Form 422 accomplished by a military treatment facility