

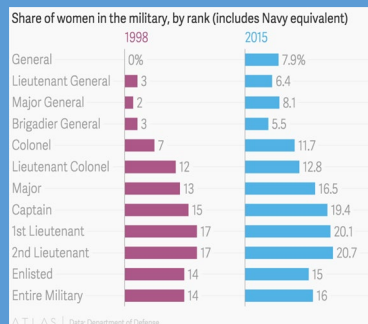


Military and Higher Education

How Education Can Help You in the Military

Women in the Military

Women have been an increasingly crucial part of the United States Military. Since 2015, women have now been able to serve in all combat positions in addition to serving in higher ranking positions. Today women make up roughly 16% of the United States Military personnel.



Benefits of Serving in the Military

Each branch of the Military has most, if not all, of the following benefits:

- Paid Education
- Insurance
- Recreation
- Salary
- Vacations
- Free Travel
- Family Financial Support
- Free Food on Base
- Subsidized Housing
- Retirement after 20-30 years
- Life Insurance
- Military Discount

How the Military Can Help You Pay for College

Paying for college is one of the major concerns for students who enter college. Through Military service, there are a number of ways to receive help with paying for school and receiving assistance. **The G.I. Bill** provides assistance to Military personnel who have served a minimum of 90 days of active duty. If you decide to join the Military after you finish your college career, the Military provides **Student Loan Repayment Programs** to assist you in paying back your student loans for your service. **The ROTC** is another pathway that college students can take advantage of while they are going through school and receive paid tuition in exchange for their service. In each branch, each individual will need to apply for Tuition Assistance. **Tuition Assistance** is one of the few ways you can receive help paying for your college.

OPTION 1: THE G.I. BILL

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill will give paid tuition and fees in addition to a stipend for housing and books for those who have served a *minimum* of 90 days of active duty since September 10, 2001. College Funds are additional payments also available under the G.I. Bill.

These great benefits are an incentive for students who wish to join the Military. To learn more, visit va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits.



OPTION 2: STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Health Professionals

- Health professionals who are also on active duty can receive up to \$40,000 per year towards their student loans for up to 3 years if you are in dental, medical, allied health, nursing, or veterinary corps while on active duty. Up to \$50,000 if you are in the reserves for these fields.

Air Force

- You can receive up to \$10,000 in student loan balance forgiven.

Army

- You can receive up to 33.3% or \$1,500 toward the unpaid principal balance of your student loans for each year of your active duty.

National Guard

- You can receive up to \$7,500 annually towards your student loans.
- You must enlist for a minimum of 6 years.

Navy

- You can receive up to 33.3% or \$1,500 toward the unpaid principal balance of your student loans for each year of your active duty.
- You must serve a minimum of 3 years active duty in your first enlistment to be eligible for this.

OPTION 3: ROTC

What is it and how can it help me?

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a nationwide group of officer training programs designed to train commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces. It is offered at 1,700 colleges and universities across the country. In exchange for *paid tuition* and a post-college career, students who join the ROTC commit to serve in the Military after they graduate. Students involved with learn leadership development, Military skills and career training.

What does it look like?

Courses are based in the classroom and on the training field. The courses will be in addition to your regular course studies. Each branch has unique takes on the ROTC. Visit the website todaysmilitary.com to learn more about the ROTC near you.



What is JROTC?

Current high school students can join JROTC (The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) groups in order to learn how to become better citizens and become familiar with officer duties. The JROTC is a federal program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces. The JROTC Mission is: "To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens." Check with your high school office to find out if your school has a JROTC program!

OPTION 4: TUITION ASSISTANCE

Based on the branch, and how much you may be eligible to receive, the Military can pay up to 100% of your tuition. Each branch has its own unique criteria for eligibility and obligated service. To access the different branch applications, you can visit studentdebtrelief.us or military.com/education.

Degrees in the Military

Degree options for those students who wish have a career in the Military are virtually unlimited. However, based on the nature of work that the Military does, many of the degrees fall under one of these categories of majors:

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Electronics
- Health Care/Medical
- Criminal Justice
- Business Administration
- Liberal Arts- Math, Science, English
- Education
- Human Services/Psychology

These 9 areas are broad and provide a wide range of career options for students to pursue their passion while preparing for a successful Military career. It is likely that your interests may fall under one of these categories.

Education and My Military Career

Choosing to attend higher education before or during your Military training is extremely beneficial. Why?

Those who enter the Military with a four-year degree generally start as officers, and are able to bypass general enlistment. If you enlist without a degree, you must work your way up to becoming an officer. The salary is also differentiated based on your education.

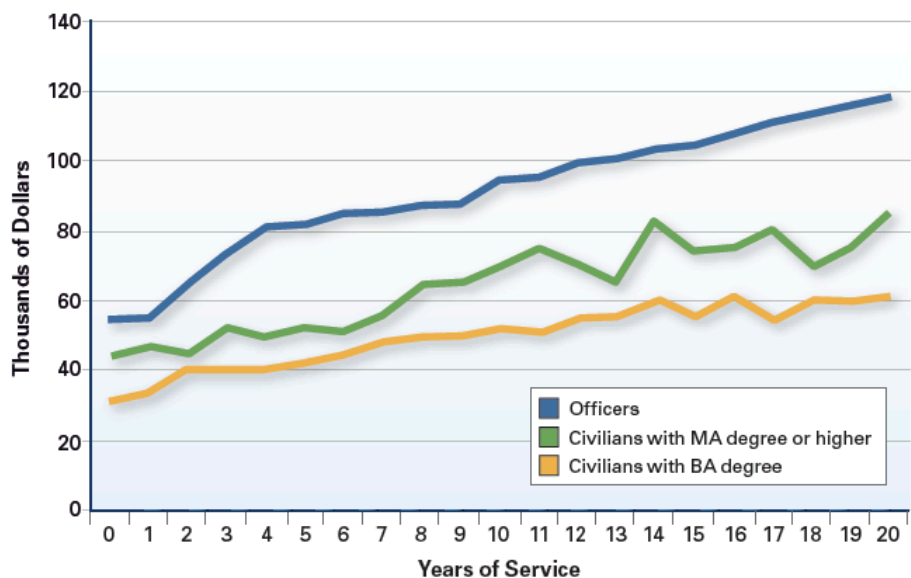


Figure 2-4. Officer Regular Military Compensation versus Civilian Earnings, 2009

Am I Eligible?

In addition to a desire to serve in the Military, one must be eligible and healthy to do so. There are a number of factors that can play into a person's eligibility to serve in the Military.

Requirements For All Military Branches

- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien.
- You must be at least 17 years old (17-year old applicants require parental consent).
- You must (with very few exceptions) have a high school diploma.
- You must pass a physical medical exam.
- Pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude (AFQT) test

Air Force

- Have no more than two dependents.
- Minimum AFQT Score: 36

Army

- Have no more than two dependents.
- Minimum AFQT Score: 31

Coast Guard

- Have no more than two dependents.
- Minimum AFQT Score: 40
- Have a willingness to serve on or around the water.

Marines

- Meet exacting physical, mental, and moral standards.
- Minimum AFQT Score: 32
- Women are eligible to enlist in all occupational exception of combat arms specialties: infantry, tank and amphibian tractor crew.

Navy

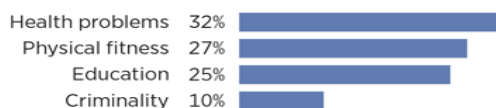
- Minimum AFQT Score: 35
- Women are eligible to enlist in all occupational fields, with the exception of serving in the Navy Seals or on submarines.

The chart to the left shows the top 4 reasons why people are not able or eligible to join the Military.

CHART 1

Unable to Serve

About 75 percent of Americans ages 17–24 would not be able to join the military. Of those, here are the four largest reasons:



NOTE: Individuals may be rejected for more than one reason.
SOURCE: Mission: Readiness, "Ready, Willing, and Unable to Serve," 2009, <http://cdn.missionreadiness.org/MR-Ready-Willing-Unable.pdf> (accessed December 7, 2017).

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