1. BACKGROUND. NROTC students are eligible for recognition for academic, aptitude, leadership, and physical readiness achievement and for participation in Unit activities. This recognition may consist of scholarships, citations, ribbons, or other forms of special recognition. Most awards are presented by national organizations that support the NROTC. Recipients of these awards are nominated by the Unit's Awards Board appointed by the PNS. Some awards are based on nationwide competition and require the member to apply for the award. Unit ribbons are based upon achievement within the Unit or participation in Unit activities. A list of awards and personnel eligible for them is provided in the following paragraphs. Awards requiring an application by the NROTC student are indicated by an application due date and are listed in paragraph 2.f. Applications and details on awards may be obtained from the Unit Awards Officer.

2. AWARDS. Awards presented by the Unit, the Navy, and national organizations are listed by the student class eligible to receive the awards.

   a. Senior Awards

      (1) American Legion Senior Leadership Award (Gold). Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior possessing outstanding qualities of leadership. Award consists of a medal and a ribbon.

      (2) American Legion Senior Scholastic Award (Gold). Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior for outstanding academic performance. Award consists of a medal and a ribbon.

      (3) Daedalian Foundation Scholarship Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to five senior MIDN nationwide who possess the desire and capabilities to become future Naval Aviators. Award consists of an $1500 cash scholarship. Applications are due in early January.

      (4) Daughters of the American Revolution NROTC Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior for military proficiency and academic excellence. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a certificate.
(5) Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior based on academic and military excellence and an appreciation of our American Heritage. Award consists of a certificate.

(6) Hardcastle Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior possessing outstanding military aptitude and scholastic achievement, and having been selected for Naval Aviation. Award consists of a certificate.

(7) Junior Line Officer Advanced Educational Program (Burke Program). Annual nomination of a senior student selected for the unrestricted line who has displayed leadership and is academically qualified. Award consists of being pre-selected for Navy funded advanced education in scientific and engineering fields between the third and seventh years of active service. Applications are due 1 March.

(8) Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Masters in Oceanography Program. Annually awarded to two NROTC newly commissioned unrestricted line officers nationwide with majors in engineering, mathematics, physics, oceanography, or meteorology with a math/physics minor and a 3.5 minimum GPA. Award consists of a fully funded master's degree in oceanography from MIT, and a designator change to 1800 (Naval Oceanographer). Applications are due 1 October.

(9) The Military Order of the World Wars Gold Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior who has demonstrated an outstanding desire to serve the NROTC and the United States. Award consists of a citation.

(10) National Defense Transportation Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a graduating senior in the top 25% of his class who is enrolled in a degree program with emphasis in the transportation field. Award consists of a medal.

(11) Nations Bank of Texas Navy/Marine Scholarship Award. Annually awarded to one senior Navy and one senior Marine option MIDN per NROTC area based on academics, aptitude, and financial need. Award consists of $500 cash. Application are due 1 November.

(12) Naval Submarine League Outstanding Achievement Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a senior who has been selected as a Nuclear Submariner and is a
role model inspiring others to strive for Nuclear Submarine Program selection. Award consists of a citation.

(13) Olmstead Foundation Scholarship Award. Annually nominated during senior year, selected individuals attend a foreign university of their choice (after their initial sea tour) for two years to complete a Master's Degree. Applications are due to NETC 30 August.

(14) Reserve Officers' Association Governor's Award. Annually awarded at a special ceremony in Montgomery to the top NROTC students in the State. Award consists of a plaque and a citation.

(15) The Retired Officers Association Award (East Alabama Chapter). Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to an outstanding senior for excellence in leadership, academics, and NAVS. Award consists of a medal and a ribbon.

(16) SECNAV Distinguished Midshipman Graduate Program. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the graduating midshipman who demonstrates the highest standards of leadership, academic and military performance. NOTE: This is not to be confused with the NETC "Distinguished Naval Graduate Award" for College Program Students. Award consists of a plaque.

(17) Society of American Military Engineers Senior Award (National). Annually awarded to the fifteen outstanding senior NROTC students nationwide enrolled in engineering curriculums. Award consists of a gold medal. Applications are due to NETC 1 March.

(18) Society of American Military Engineers Senior Award (State). Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to an outstanding senior NROTC student enrolled in an engineering curriculum. Award consists of a $250.

(19) The USMC Association Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the outstanding senior Marine Option MIDN or MBCEP based on academic and leadership performance. Award consists of a plaque, a citation and a year's membership in the USMC Association including a gift subscription to the Marine Corps Gazette.

(20) U.S. Naval Institute Award - College Program Midshipman. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to one senior College Program and Scholarship Program MIDN and one STA-21 for exceptional contributions to the advancement of
professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in the Navy. Award consists of a citation and a three-year membership in the United States Naval Institute.

(21) **Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the senior who has displayed a high enthusiasm in athletics while maintaining good grades. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

(22) **William F. Nichols Award**. Annually awarded at AU President's Day to the most outstanding graduate. Award consists of a plaque and a citation.

(23) **Bank of America (Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr./General John A. Lejune)**. Awarded to a Senior with expressed financial need who is in the Upper 50% of their academic and aptitude classes. Award is $500 and deadline is 15 October.

(24) **Armed Forces Bank**. Awarded to a Senior with expressed financial need who is in the Upper 50% of their academic and aptitude classes. Award is $500 and deadline is 15 October.

b. **JUNIOR AWARDS**

(1) **American Defense Preparedness Association's Scholarship Award**. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior based on scholarship and leadership. Award consists of a citation.

(2) **American Legion Junior Leadership Award (Silver)**. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior for outstanding qualities of leadership. Award consists of a citation, a medal, and a ribbon.

(3) **American Legion Junior Scholastic Award (Silver)**. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior for outstanding academic performance. Award consists of a citation, a medal, and a ribbon.

(4) **American Society of Naval Engineers**. Annually awarded to a junior who has expressed interest in a career in Naval Engineering. Award consists of a $3000 scholarship for undergraduates and $4000 scholarship for graduates. Applications are due 15 February.

(5) **Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association Award**. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards
ceremony on a nationwide basis to a rising senior who, along with financial need, has demonstrated good moral character, high military aptitude and academic excellence while majoring in electronics, electrical or communications engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science or technology, or information management. Award consists of a $1000 scholarship. Applications are due 1 February of the junior year.

(6) Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Honor Awards. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of military leadership, high moral character, and definite aptitude for military service. Award consists of a certificate, a year's free membership in AFCEA, and a free one year's subscription to the AFCEA Journal, SIGNAL.

(7) Armed Forces Insurance Scholarship Award. Annually awarded to a college program junior in the eligible NROTC area, which rotates accordingly, who possesses strong academic and leadership credentials, as well as financial need. Award consists of a $1000 scholarship. Applications are due 15 April.

(8) The Catholic War Veteran's Junior Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the junior who has demonstrated exceptionally high military aptitude and academic excellence. Award consists of a citation.

(9) Captain Winifred Q. Collins Award. Annually awarded to five MIDN nationwide in their third year of Naval Science based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Award consists of a $2000 scholarship. Applications are due 1 March.

(10) Hunter Brown Memorial Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the outstanding student of the junior class based on academic work in Navigation and aptitude for Naval Science. Award consists of a citation.

(11) Legion of Valor Bronze Cross. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior MIDN in each of the six NROTC regions who demonstrates scholastic excellence in military and academic subjects and superior leadership qualities. Award consists of a bronze cross pendant and certificate.

(12) The Military Order of the World Wars Silver Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior who has demonstrated an outstanding desire to serve the NROTC and the United States. Award consists of a citation.
(13) The Reserve Officers' Association Gold Medal Award. Annually awarded at AU President's Day to the outstanding junior College Program MIDN based on positive attitude, personal appearance, courtesy, promotion potential, and academic proficiency. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

(14) Society of American Military Engineers Senior Award (National). Annually awarded to the fifteen outstanding senior NROTC students nationwide enrolled in engineering curriculums. Award consists of a gold medal. Applications are due to NETC 1 March.

(15) Society of American Military Engineers Senior Award (State). Annually awarded at a special ceremony to an outstanding senior NROTC student enrolled in an engineering curriculum. Award consists of $250 cash.

(16) W. James Samford, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Annually awarded to a student that demonstrates high moral character through participation in philanthropic activities such as volunteerism, church involvement, and other humanistic undertakings. The candidate will also demonstrate leadership roles past and future potential while maintaining a minimum 3.0 CGPA. The application is acquired through the AU Scholarship Office and includes an essay portion. Application deadline 15 January.

(17) The First Command Financial Planning, Inc. Offer 5 $1,000 scholarships to NROTC students meeting the established criteria. Must be ranked in top 10% in both their academic and aptitude classes; must demonstrate potential for outstanding leadership, and must demonstrate financial need. Application deadline 1 December.

(18) LT Robert Dana Bartlett Memorial Endowment Fund for Scholarships in NROTC. Can be either a Junior or a Senior ideally an Advanced Standing College Programmer with an interest in Aviation. If Advanced Standing College Programmer fund will provide full tuition and books, if Scholarship student fund will provide $1,000 towards living expenses.

c. SOPHOMORE AWARDS

(1) Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony on a nationwide basis to a rising junior who, along with financial need, has demonstrated good moral character, high
military aptitude and academic excellence while majoring in electronics, electrical or communications engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science or technology, or information management. Award consists of a $1000 scholarship. Applications are due 1 February of the sophomore year.

(2) The Catholic War Veterans Sophomore Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the sophomore who has demonstrated exceptionally high military aptitude and academic excellence. Award consists of a citation.

(3) The Military Order of the World Wars Bronze Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a sophomore who has demonstrated an outstanding desire to serve the NROTC and the United States. Award consists of a citation.

(4) National Sojourners ROTC Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the sophomore or junior in the top 25% of his/her class who has demonstrated leadership and Americanism. Award consists of a medal.

(5) The Reserve Officers Association Silver Medal Award. Annually awarded at AU President's Day to the outstanding sophomore College Program MIDN based on positive attitude, personal appearance, courtesy, promotion potential, and academic proficiency. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

(6) Society of the War of 1812 Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to an outstanding sophomore who demonstrates the ideals of Americanism by deed and conduct. Award consists of a citation.

(7) USS Littlerock Association NROTC Scholarship Program. Scholarship will provide $1,000 for Junior year and then another $1,000 for successful completion of Junior year. Awardee must be a direct descendant of a service member honorably discharged, anyone who has served in the Armed Forces, or any member of the USS Littlerock Association. Must also have demonstrated superior leadership while maintain a 3.0 CGPA. Part of the application is also a 500 word essay answering “Why are you worthy of this award?” Application deadline 15 May.

d. FRESHMAN AWARDS

(1) The Military Order of the Loyal Legion Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to the freshman who best displays President Lincoln's high ideals of "one
nation, under God, indivisible." Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

(2) The Reserve Officers Association Bronze Medal Award. Annually awarded at AU President's Day to the outstanding freshman College Program student based on positive attitude, personal appearance, courtesy, promotional potential, and academic proficiency. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

(3) The Sons of the American Revolution Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a freshman based on outstanding performance in Naval Science courses and military aptitude. Award consists of a medal, a ribbon, and a citation.

e. OTHER AWARDS

(1) Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr. Award. Annually awarded at graduation to the highest ranking MIDN in the service selection process nationwide. Award consists of a suitably engraved watch and a certificate. No application is required.

(2) Bennett Scholarship Endowment Fund Award. Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to a junior, a sophomore, and a freshman NROTC student who demonstrates academic excellence and a need for financial assistance, and is working towards a baccalaureate degree in Chemistry, Biology, Business, or Engineering. Award consists of a cash scholarship which varies in amount.

(3) NETC Exceptional Physical Performance Award. Awarded semiannually to each NROTC student achieving 300 points on a unit PFA/PFT. Award consists of a citation.

(4) Thomas and Elliot M. Senn Memorial Fund Essay Award. Annually awarded for the three best essays written on a subject picked by NETC. All NROTC undergraduate students are eligible. Award consists of $1000 cash. Essays are due to NETC by 30 March.

(5) Thomas and Elliot M. Senn Memorial Fund Cash Award. Annually awarded to any second, third, fourth, or fifth year students nationwide who have had at least one year of active military service, based on need, fleet performance, and NROTC program performance. Award consists of a $1000 grant. Applications are due in mid November.
(6) **USAA Scholarship.** Annually awarded to the top Navy Option student within each of the NROTC regions, and the top graduates of each of the summer training increment at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. Award consists of a $500 scholarship. Application for the Navy Option award is due 1 September.

(7) **James N. (Trey) Wilbourn Scholarship.** Annually awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony to an NROTC student, normally a Marine Option, who shows financial need, has high moral character and demonstrates a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school, and nation. Award consists of full tuition and books for non-scholarship students and up to $1000 for scholarship students. Application is due 1 March.

(8) **NROTC Auburn Alumni Association Scholarship.** Annually awarded to the top rising junior and rising senior students within the NROTC Auburn Unit. Award amounts vary. Applications are due by the end of fall semester.

(9) **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society’s Admiral Mike Boorda Seaman-to-Admiral Education Assistance Program.** A $2,000 scholarship given to any Officer Candidate or Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program student who has an expressed financial need. Application package deadline 1 June.

(10) **Grady F. “Buddy” Edwards, Jr. Memorial NROTC Scholarship.** Scholarship given annually determined by NROTC Scholarship Board to a student with a background in community service and volunteerism that has an expressed financial need and maintains a 3.0 CGPA minimum.

(11) **George and Edna Russian Endowment for Scholarships in Civil Engineering.** Given to any student with preference towards NROTC students who are majoring in Civil Engineering and have a 3.0 CGPA minimum.

(12) **F. Frederick Moss Endowment for Scholarships for the AU Band Program.** Given to any student with preference towards NROTC students who play the saxophone are able to demonstrate musical ability and potential for performance in the AU Band, preferably male students who are in the Marching Band. Must have an expressed financial need and 2.25 CGPA minimum.

(13) **Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. Endowment for Scholarships in NROTC.** Ideally an Active Duty Marine (may be future Marine, if no Active Duty are available) that epitomizes
the Core Values. Scholarship awardee determined by NROTC Scholarship Board.

(14) Captain William H. & May Compton Annual Scholarship. Awarded annually with preference to a Seaman-to-Admiral 21 student who is married with dependants. Scholarship awardee determined by NROTC Scholarship Board.

(15) Auburn Veterans Association Annual Scholarship. Awarded to a student who is a uniformed military service member on active duty for the U.S. Armed Forces who is a current resident of Alabama or if that student is not available awarded to dependents of the person described above who was a graduate of a high school in Lee County, AL. The candidate must have a 3.0 GPA minimum or if an incoming Freshman student must have scored a 23 ACT or SAT equivalent. Student must have demonstrated financial need and first preference will be given to a graduate of a high school in Auburn, AL with second preference given to a graduate of a high school in Lee County.

f. SUMMARY OF AWARDS REQUIRING APPLICATION. The following is a summary of awards which require application/action on the part of interested NROTC students.

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Soc. American Mil. Engineers $ 2500  1 Mar
USAA Scholarship $ 500  1 May
Wilbourn Scholarship Endowment $1000 (Sch)
(Non-scholarship receive full tuition & books) 01 Mar

3. RIBBONS. Ribbons awarded by the unit along with those awards from the above paragraphs which have ribbons associated with them, are listed in the following paragraphs in order of precedence. The ribbons are to be worn by MIDN as part of their uniform. OCs will not wear these ribbons since they cannot wear NROTC and active duty ribbons simultaneously.

   a. INTERNAL AWARDS/RIBBONS. For ribbons (1) thru (7) listed below, a gold star device will be worn for subsequent awards up to, and including, the 5th award. A silver star device will be worn individually to indicate a 6th award. For ribbons (8) thru (11), a bronze star device will be worn for each subsequent award. Ribbons (12) thru (14) may only be awarded once per member.

   (1) All Around Performance. Awarded to the NROTC Naval Student of the Term. The selection for this award is based on outstanding performance in the fields of academics, physical fitness, community service, and military bearing as determined by the unit staff.

   (2) Academic Excellence. Awarded annually to NROTC students with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 - 4.00.

   (3) Academic Achievement. Awarded annually to NROTC students with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 - 3.75.

   (4) Commendation Award. Awarded to NROTC students for inspirational performance within the Battalion, either for specific instances or over a period of time, best exemplifying those aspects of character, leadership and moral fiber desired of future officers of the Naval Service.

   (5) Leadership Award. Awarded to NROTC students who have consistently shown exemplary conduct and leadership throughout the previous semester.
(6) **Community Service.** Awarded to those recognized for outstanding performance in the service of university or community organizations, over a period of time, which has benefited the organization and for which no compensation was received.

(7) **Physical Fitness (Outstanding).** Awarded to those members who score an average of 90 and above on the Navy PRT or 285 and above on the Marine Corps PFT.

(8) **Drill Team.** Awarded to NROTC students who were active members of the drill team throughout the previous semester.

(9) **Color Guard.** Awarded to NROTC students who participated in an offsite color guard events for a ceremony during the previous semester.

(10) **Intramural.** Awarded to those NROTC students who have participated in University or Commanders Cup organized sports.

(11) **Rifle/Pistol Team.** Awarded to those NROTC students who were active members of the Rifle/Pistol Team throughout the previous semester.

(12) **Sailing Award.** Awarded to NROTC students who qualify as Skipper B.

(13) **Recruiting.** Awarded to NROTC students instrumental in the enrollment of new NROTC recruits.

(14) **Cruise Ribbon.** Awarded to NROTC students upon completion of their 2nd Class cruise.

b. **EXTERNAL AWARDS/RIBBONS.** Any ribbons associated with awards or scholarships from external organizations as listed in Section 2 of this appendix will be worn in order of precedence as listed and directly following the Cruise Ribbon.
c. **INTERNAL RIBBONS PRECEDENCE CHART.**

- All Around Performance (1)
- Commendation Award (4)
- Physical Fitness (7)
- Intramural (10)
- Recruiting (13)
- Academic Excellence (2)
- Leadership Award (5)
- Drill team (8)
- Rifle/Pistol Team (11)
- Cruise Ribbon (14)
- Academic Achievement (3)
- Community Service (6)
- Color Guard (9)
- Sailing Award (12)