

AFROTC Cadet Enrollment Guide

WINGS Application – Step-by-Step Instructions for Applicants



Welcome Future Cadet,

The core competency of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) is to train individuals seeking a commission into the Department of the Air Force (DAF). Traditionally, these individuals are pursuing their first undergraduate degree and can complete all AFROTC requirements before graduation. Students pursuing a second undergraduate or graduate degree are also eligible to join AFROTC, provided they meet all other requirements.

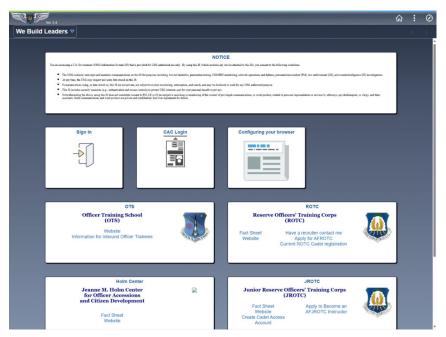
To officially join AFROTC, you must complete the Web Intensive New Gain System (WINGS) "My AFROTC Application" Module, which collects your eligibility, application, and enrollment information. You will remain in Applicant status until all required forms, acknowledgments, and verifications are complete. Once reviewed and approved by your detachment, your status will be updated to Active Cadet, the first major milestone in your commissioning journey.

This guide is designed to help you complete the enrollment process accurately and without delay so you can begin full participation in the program. By following each step carefully, you'll reduce errors, avoid processing delays, and reach Active status as efficiently as possible.

Create a WINGS Account

☐ Step 1: Go to the WINGS Website

- Navigate to: https://wings.holmcenter.com
- This is the official portal for starting your AFROTC application.



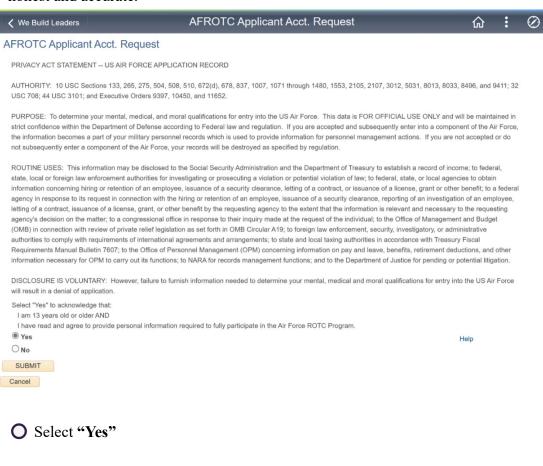
☐ Step 2: Start the AFROTC Application

- Under the **ROTC** section (right side of the homepage):
 - → Click Apply for AFROTC
 - Fig. This will start your application as a new cadet.
- ⚠ Do not click "Current ROTC Cadet registration" unless you've already completed an account.



☐ Step 3: AFROTC Applicant Account Request

- After clicking "Apply for AFROTC," you will be taken to the AFROTC Applicant Account Request page.
 - ► This step contains a **Privacy Act Statement** outlining how your personal, medical, and mental qualification information will be used. This is an **official legal agreement** tied to your application and future Air Force service.
- ⚠ **Important:** By selecting "Yes" on this page, you are legally confirming the following:
 - ► You are 13 years or older, AND
 - ► You **consent to provide personal information** to be used by the Department of the Air Force for your AFROTC application and eligibility verification
- This is not just a checkbox. Providing false or incomplete information could disqualify you from AFROTC and may have legal consequences. Read carefully and be honest and accurate.



← Click "SUBMIT" to proceed.

☐ Step 4: Acct. Build - Account Creation

- . After clicking "SUBMIT", you'll see a pop-up window titled "Acct. Build."
- **♦** Complete all required fields:

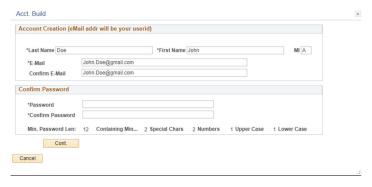
- Last Name and First Name
- Middle Initial is optional
- ▶ E-Mail
- ▶ Confirm E-Mail (must match exactly)
- Your **email address becomes your WINGS username**, so use a personal, long-term address (not a school-issued one that might expire).
- **Double-check everything before continuing.** A typo in your email could prevent you from accessing your account later.



← When ready, click "Cont." to move to the next step.

☐ Step 5: Create a Secure Password

• After entering your name and email, the system will prompt you to **set a password** for your WINGS account.



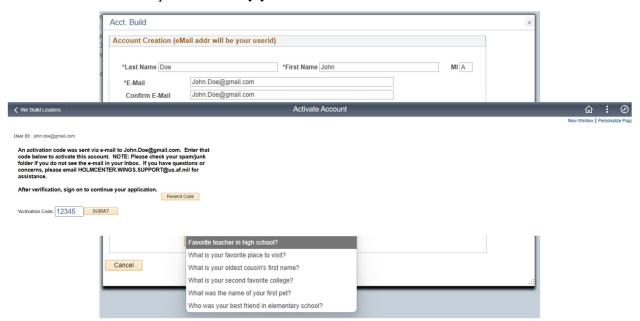
- Your password must meet all of the following security requirements:
 - ★ Minimum Length: 12 characters Must Include:
 - ▶ 2 special characters (e.g., !, @, #)
 - ▶ 2 numbers
 - ▶ 1 uppercase letter
 - ▶ 1 lowercase letter

⚠ This is your login password. Save it somewhere secure — you'll need it to access your WINGS account in the future.

After confirming your password, click "Cont." to continue.

☐ Step 5a: Set a Password Hint

- After entering a password, the Password Hint section will appear.
- Use the dropdown menu to pick a question you'll remember:
- ► Example: "What was the name of your first pet?" Then enter a response that only you would know.



Click Submit to complete your account setup.

☐ Step 6: Activate Your WINGS Account

- After creating your account, WINGS will send an **activation code** to the email address you used to register.
- **b** Check your inbox (and your spam/junk folder) for an email from:

HOLMCENTER.WINGS.SUPPORT@us.af.mil

- Didn't get the code? Click **Resend Code** or email the address above for assistance.
- ✓ Enter the Activation Code you received and click SUBMIT to continue.

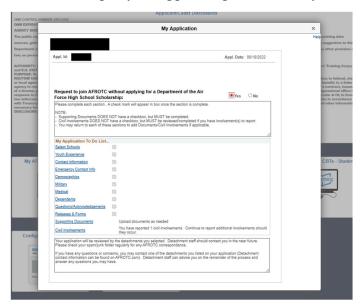
Create & Complete "My AFROTC Application"

☐ Step 1: Open the "My AFROTC Application" Page

★ After activating your WINGS account and logging in, locate and click the "My AFROTC Application" tile on your WINGS dashboard.



→ This will open your applicant portal, where you'll complete your enrollment packet.

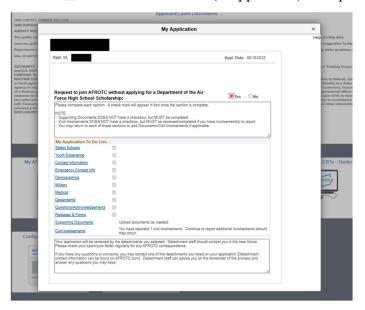


*(** You must complete every section in the checklist to move forward in the application process."*

☐ Step 2: Review the "My Application" Dashboard

- This dashboard shows your **Application To Do List** a checklist of all required sections.
- → You must complete each item until a appears in the checkbox next to the section name.
- Sections include:
 - Select Schools Step 3
 - Youth Experience Step 4
 - Contact Information Step 5

- Legion Emergency Contact Info Step 6
- Demographics Step 7
- Military Step 8
- Medical − Step 9
- Rependents Step 10
- Questions/Acknowledgements Step 11
- Releases & Forms Step 12
- Supporting Documents Step 13
- Civil Involvements (if applicable) Step 14

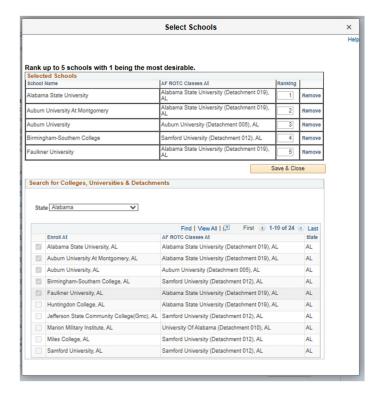


Notes:

- Some items (like *Supporting Documents* and *Civil Involvements*) **do not have checkboxes** but must still be completed.
- You can complete the items in any order, but all must be finished before the detachment review.

☐ Step 3: Select Schools

- This section allows you to choose up to **five** schools where you'd like to participate in AFROTC. Rank them with 1 being your top choice.
- → Use the dropdown menu labeled **State** to filter colleges by location.
- As you search:
- > You'll see schools and their corresponding detachments listed.
- Check the box next to each school you want to select.
- Assign a ranking (1-5) to indicate your preference order.



- **Tip:** You can only select schools affiliated with AFROTC detachments.
- When finished, click **Save & Close** to lock in your school choices and return to the dashboard.

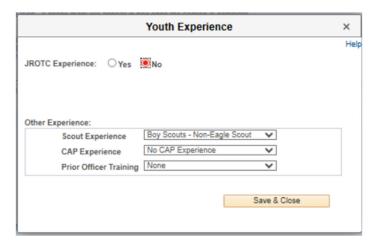
☐ Step 4: ^⑤ Youth Experience

★ Use this section to report any youth or leadership programs you've participated in before college.

➤ Select Yes or No for JROTC Experience

If **Yes**, additional dropdowns will appear to enter how many years you participated in each branch.

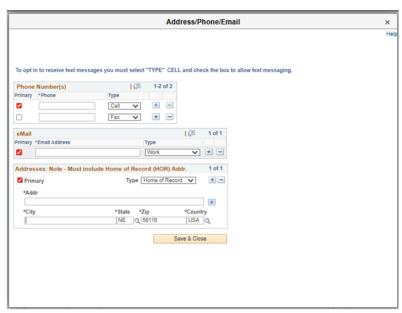
- Use the dropdowns under **Other Experience** to indicate:
- Scout Experience (e.g., Boy Scouts Eagle or Non-Eagle)
- CAP Experience (Civil Air Patrol, if any)
- ◆ Prior Officer Training (like leadership academies or similar programs)



✓ Click Save & Close once complete.

☐ Step 5: 🛗 Contact Information

- ★ This section captures your **phone number**, **email address**, and **Home of Record** mailing address.
- **✓** Phone Number(s)
- ➤ Use the dropdown to mark your primary number as Cell
- ➤ Check the box to **opt into text messaging**
- **Email Address**
- ➤ Select the type (e.g., Work, Personal) this will be used for official AFROTC communications
- **Address** (Home of Record)
- ➤ Enter your full permanent address
- ➤ Make sure the **Type** is set to **Home of Record**



✓ Click Save & Close when finished.

☐ Step 6: Complete **L** Emergency Contact Info

- ★ You must enter at least **two** emergency contacts.
- + To add a second contact, click the + icon next to "Relationship" in the top section.
- For each contact, fill in all required fields: relationship, first and last name, full address, phone number, and optionally an email address.
- Make sure the phone number is marked as Cell if you want to allow text messaging.
- ✓ After completing each contact, click **Update & Verify** to save.





⚠ If anything doesn't save or appears incorrect, contact your detachment staff for help.

☐ Step 7: Complete 🎺 Demographics

★ You must select at least one race or ethnicity category to continue.

You can select **multiple categories** if they apply. Each group has a space to enter **specific background info** (e.g., Navajo, Somali, Korean, Puerto Rican, etc.)

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Categories include:

African American
American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Caucasian
Hispanic or Latino
Middle Eastern or North African
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



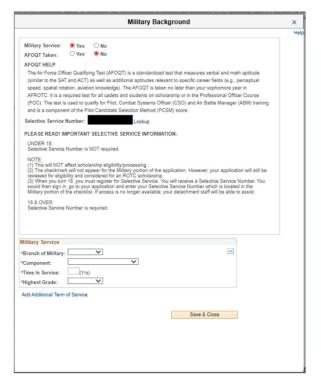
⚠ The application will not let you save this section until **one or more** boxes are checked and verified.

☐ Step 8: Complete **W** Military Information

- Answer both Military Service and AFOQT Taken with either Yes or No.
- ☐ If you answer **Yes** to **Military Service**, you'll be prompted to enter:
 - Branch of Military
 - Component (e.g., Active, Reserve, Guard)
 - Time in Service (in years)
 - Highest Grade (e.g., E-3, O-2)

You can click "Add Additional Term of Service" if you've served in more than one branch or component.

■ Enter your **Selective Service Number** if you're 18 or older. Click the **Lookup** link to auto-fill from the Selective Service System.



Applicants under 18 won't have a number yet. That's okay — your application will still be reviewed.

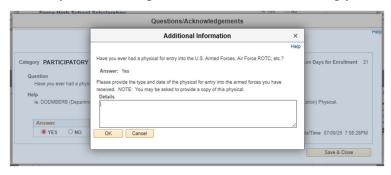
⚠ You **must update** this field when you turn 18 to complete this step.

☐ Step 9: Complete 🖖 Medical

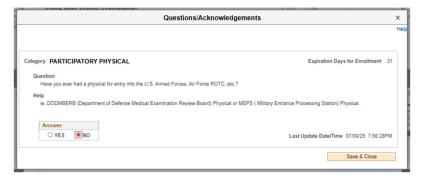
↑ This section asks whether you've had a **physical exam** for military service (including AFROTC, DoDMERB, or MEPS).

- if you select Yes, a pop-up will appear asking for:
 - The **type** of physical (e.g., DoDMERB, MEPS)
 - The date it was completed
 - Any additional details about the exam

You may be asked to provide documentation during your enrollment process.



If you haven't had a military physical yet, select **No** and move on. You can return to update this later if needed.

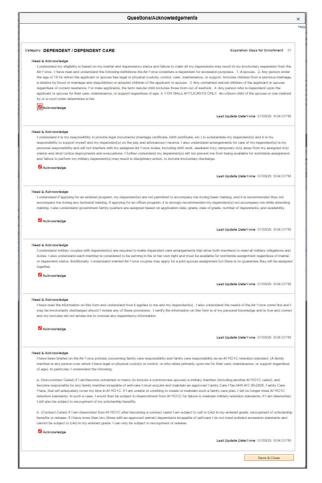


☐ Step 10: Complete 🎎 Dependents Section

★ Start by answering "Are you married?". If Yes, a follow-up will ask "Is your spouse Military?"



- If you are married but your spouse is **not** a dependent, select "**ND Spouse**" as the **Family Relationship** and fill out the required fields (name, date of birth, sex, address). Click **Add** to log your spouse for system tracking without counting them as a dependent.
- + If you do have dependents (e.g., children), enter each one's details the same way—relationship, full name, date of birth, sex, and address—and click **Add** after each entry.
- The system will auto-update the **Number of Dependents** based on the dependents you add. "ND Spouse" does **not** count toward this number.
- Click Next Steps, a set of acknowledgments will appear. Read and check each box to confirm your understanding.



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☐ Step 11: Complete ☐ Acknowledgement Questions

↑ This section walks you through required yes/no questions and acknowledgment checkboxes across multiple categories, including Acceptance, Prior Service, Civil Involvement, Criminal History, Prohibited Activities, and Releases.

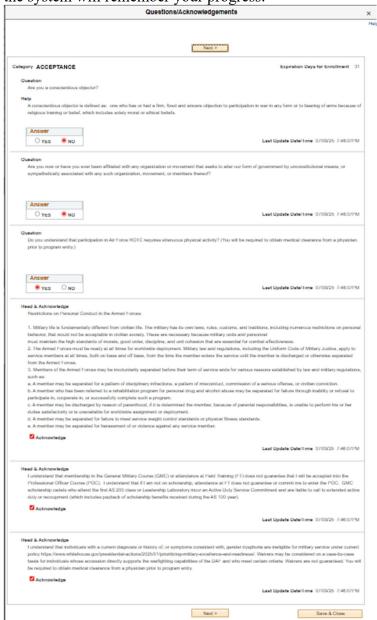
Read each item carefully and respond honestly. Depending on your answer, a followup window may open requesting additional information. Be ready to enter details like date, branch, organization, or a short explanation if prompted.

Most questions are straightforward. Some require you to check an acknowledgment box instead of answering yes/no. These are usually policy disclosures or consent statements — review them fully before checking the box.

For example, under **Prior Service**, answering a question about denied enlistment may prompt a pop-up asking for more information, even if the answer is "Yes."

The final section includes standard AFROTC releases for medical, educational, and data access. You must acknowledge all three to proceed with enrollment.

≜ After each page, click **Next** to continue. If you need to pause, click **Save & Close** — the system will remember your progress.



⚠ If any section does not save or throws an error, notify your detachment staff for help before moving forward.

☐ Step 12: Print Required Release Forms

This step is for previewing and printing the required AFROTC release forms. Based on how you answered earlier questions, the system will generate a custom list of forms. These must be printed and signed, then uploaded later under Documents.

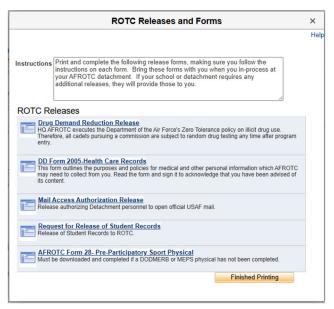
- Required forms typically include:
- Drug Demand Reduction Release
- DD Form 2005 Health Care Records
- Mail Access Authorization Release

- Request for Release of Student Records
- AFROTC Form 28 Pre-Participatory Sports Physical

★ Important Note about the Sports Physical:

You must complete the sports physical before participating in LLAB or PT. This is required per AFROTCI 36-2011, Section 3.12.7.

- Acceptable physicals include:
 - Military Treatment Facility (MTF) physical
 - AF Form 422
 - University, NCAA, or state-approved physical
 - DoDMERB or MEPS exam
- ✓ The physical is valid for one year from the date of the exam.
- Begin this process as early as possible to avoid delays in participation.

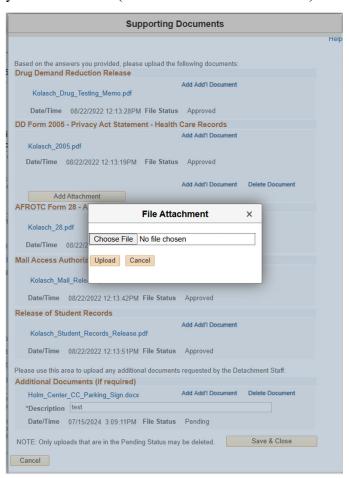


Once all forms are printed, click **Finished Printing** to move on.

☐ Step 13: Upload **1** Completed Documents

- After printing and completing all required forms from Step 12, return to the **Supporting Documents** section of the portal.
- Click "Supporting Documents" in the left-hand menu, then select "Add" next to each form to upload your completed version.
- The system will open a small pop-up titled **File Attachment**. Click "Choose File" and select the file from your device, then click "Upload".
- **★ IMPORTANT**: While the system allows uploading various file types (e.g., .docx, .jpg, .png), **PDF format is strongly recommended**:
 - PDFs ensure the document looks correct across all systems
 - Cadre and HQ can view and approve it without conversion delays
 - Non-PDFs may not display properly or be rejected

Upload all completed forms listed, and include any additional items requested by your detachment (like custom forms or waivers).



⚠ Only documents in **Pending Status** can be deleted and replaced. Once approved, the file is locked.

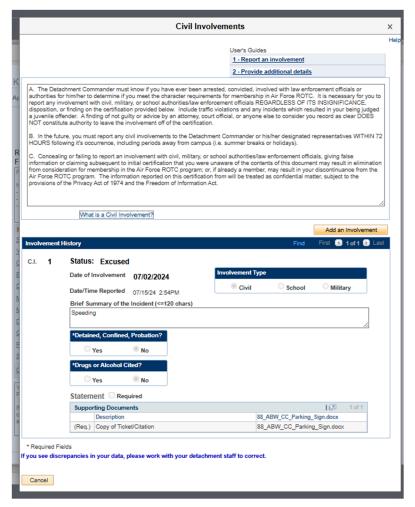
☐ Step 14 – Civil Involvements **m**

This step is where you report any past civil, school, or military involvements. Civil involvements include any incident involving law enforcement, military authority, or school administrators—regardless of outcome or severity. Even sealed or expunged records must be reported per AFROTCI 36-2011, para. 6.2.

The Civil Involvements section is **mandatory** if you've ever been cited, arrested, detained, or involved in a disciplinary issue—even minor ones like speeding tickets.

- Click Add an Involvement to open the form.
- Complete the following required fields:
 - Date of Involvement III
 - Date/Time Reported
 - **Brief Summary** (120 characters max)
 - **Involvement Type** (Civil, School, or Military)
 - Detained/Confined/Probation?

- Drugs or Alcohol Cited?
- You'll be prompted to submit a **Statement**. Be honest and concise—this is a formal explanation and may be reviewed at multiple levels. Once you certify the statement, it becomes final and cannot be edited.
- b Upload all **supporting documents** requested by the detachment:
 - Citations or tickets
 - Court records or disposition
 - Chain of command memos if applicable
 - Any documentation requested by cadre
- ⚠ Once submitted, your status will show **Excused, Pending, or Closed** depending on review progress.
- Reminder: Per AFROTCI 36-2011, cadets must report new civil involvements within 72 hours, including breaks or time away from school.

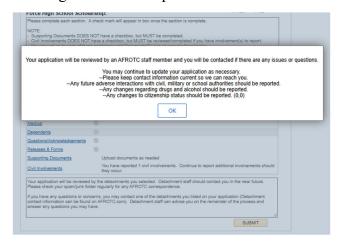


- Reference Guides top right:
 - [Cadet User Guide Civil Involvements: Self-Reporting]
 - [Cadet User Guide Civil Involvements: Additional Details]

☐ Step 14 – Final Submission 💥

Once every section of your application is completed, reviewed, and any required documents are uploaded, you'll see a next to each section on your Application To Do List. Supporting Documents and Civil Involvements won't have checkboxes, but they still need to be accurate and up to date. Once you're sure everything is squared away, click the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the screen.

- After submission, your application will be reviewed by a member of the AFROTC staff. They'll contact you if anything is missing, incorrect, or needs clarification.
- ★ You can still go back and update information after submitting. Be sure to keep your contact info current and continue reporting any of the following:
- Civil, military, or school disciplinary issues
- Drug or alcohol-related incidents
- Changes to citizenship status



That's it! If everything's been filled out completely and accurately, you're done. Time to start prepping for in-processing at the Det.