NROTC/SSO APPLICANTS

If you are interested in applying to be a part of the NROTC or SSO programs at Texas A&M University at Galveston, please review the application information below. Please ensure that all application documentation is sent to the TAMUG Office of Admission and Records. If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact the Department of Naval Science office at (409)740-4595.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- U.S. Citizen
- Age NROTC: Not less than 17 years old by start of freshman year and not more than 23 years old by June 30 of the same year.
- Age SSO: Not less than 17 years old and not more than 25 years old by start of freshman year.
- Must not have reached 27th birthday by June 30 of the year during which graduation and commissioning are anticipated.
- Applicants with prior military service may be eligible for age adjustments; contact the office for questions
- High school graduation or the equivalent certification is necessary by August 1 or the year of entrance into four-year NROTC scholarship program
- No moral obligations or personal convictions that prevent conscientious bearing of arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates must pass a stringent physical examination to qualify for the NROTC/SSO program.
- The physical and scholarship qualification processes are independent determinations. Applicants must receive favorable endorsement in both areas before any NROTC scholarship or SIP funding can be granted. Many medical diagnoses are disqualifying.
- Some common conditions which are considered disqualifying are: vision not correctable to 20/20 (each eye); no color vision; history of asthma; acute or chronic cardiac/pulmonary conditions; chronic skin disorders such as cystic acne, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis or eczema; arthritis; seizure disorders; severe motion sickness susceptibility; alcohol or drug abuse; pregnancy.

APPLICATION AND MEDICAL HISTORY REQUIREMENTS. The following documentation is required to be submitted along with the application and medical history:

- SSO: Complete US Coast Guard Physical Examination with your regular medical provider
- NROTC: Complete DD Form 2492 with your regular medical provider
- One-page essay stating why she/he is interested in joining NROTC/SSO at TAMUG
- Social Security Card*
- Birth Certificate and/or Passport*

* A photocopy is acceptable provided the original or certified copy is available during O-Week check-in.

An acceptance/declination letter will be sent once all documentation has been submitted. If accepted, a ‘Welcome Aboard’ package will be attached; it will include a summary of what to expect as a new NROTC/SSO midshipman. Also, all new midshipmen are required to attend the Orientation Week usually starting one week prior to the first day of classes. Amplifying information will be included in the Welcome Aboard package.