



EIGHT YEAR COMMITMENT

The time commitment is one of the biggest hurdles to overcome when figuring out if Army ROTC is the right path for you. The final step in earning your commission is to graduate from the university and once that is done the eight year commitment begins as an Officer in the United States Army.

Below is the breakdown of the time commitment by component (Active Duty (AD), Army Reserves (AR), and National Guard (NG)).

1. If you receive a scholarship and commission in to the AD you will serve 4 years on AD and the last 4 years of your contract are either spent on AD, in the AR or NG, or in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) which means you go back to civilian life but are still under contract.
2. If you do not receive a scholarship and commission in to the AD then you will serve 3 years on AD and the last 5 years of your contract are either spent on AD, in the AR or NG, or in the IRR which means you go back to civilian life but are still under contract.
3. If you received any kind of scholarship (i.e. GRFD, Dedicated Guard/Reserve, Federal, Nurse, STEM, etc.) and commission in to the AR or NG then you will serve 8 years in a drilling status (one weekend/month, two weeks/year).
4. If you were not on any scholarship and you commission in to the AR or NG then you will serve 6 years in a drilling status (one weekend/month, two weeks/year) and the last two years of your contract are either spent in the AR or NG or IRR.



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