

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Air Force JROTC:**

### **Do I have to wear a uniform?**

*Yes. There is a requirement to wear the uniform at least once a week. BTW, there are many professions in the civilian world that require uniforms so this is a good chance to start getting used to wearing one.*

### **Do I have to cut my hair?**

*The Air Force uniform requires grooming standards, so males need to shave and cut their hair while females need to have their hair wrapped in a bun (if it's long) and understand the jewelry and make-up requirements. Note: I did not say a female needs to cut their hair! That decision is up to the female and is usually a last resort.*

### **Who are the instructor(s)?**

*Major Wilson is the SASI (Senior Aerospace Instructor) and in the future an ASI will be hired as well. Major Wilson brings 30 years of military experience which include 8 years of public school teaching and 8 years of teaching future officers for the Air Force.*

### **Do I have to join the Air Force?**

*Absolutely not. AFJROTC is all about creating better citizens for our country while teaching in a military style. However, cadets are free to join any military branch if they want. Statistically speaking less than 5% join the military but 99% that complete the program say it was worth it.*

### **I'm busy with other afterschool activities, but I'm interested, can I still join?**

*You can but many of the leadership roles require afterschool commitments. If you want to just attend the daily class and weekly PT session that's fine too. But you'll miss out on some cool stuff.*

### **What kind of leadership positions are there?**

*There are many – 15 or so with cadet officer ranks going from lieutenant to colonel. Since this unit is just getting started, there will be a lot of temporary roles until everyone gets a chance to try various positions and understand the routines. Then the program really becomes cadet run and the instructor(s) step back and only provide correction, mentorship and guidance.*

**Do I have to pay for anything?**

*The textbooks, uniforms, supplies and equipment are provided by the US Air Force and are “on loan” to the cadets. However, any damage done to these items could result in a significant debt to the cadet.*

**How tough is the fitness program?**

*As tough as you want it to be. We’ll do an assessment for the PFT (President’s Fitness Test) twice a year. Then a mixture of traditional exercises (calisthenics, pushups, sit-ups, running) with circuit training and occasionally some modified sports: Flickerball and Volleywar. Some units create a PFT club so they can compete with other local units. The basic expectation is that cadets take fitness seriously and make progress toward their own fitness goal.*

**I’m a Sophomore, Junior or Senior – can I join?**

*Yes, but realize you’ll be in the first year group. If your goal is to earn a certificate for advanced rank in the military, that takes 2 – 3 years of AFJROTC.*

**My question isn’t answered here. What other sources can I use to find an answer?**

*When the website is up and running, a Cadet Guide will be posted which should help you. Otherwise, you can call Major Wilson. Cadets don’t need to know everything before they start and it’s a good bet that any questions that can’t be answered here or in the Cadet Guide will probably be answered in the curriculum.*