

MCRC FROST CALL 026-25 DATED 02 JUNE 2025

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: FISCAL YEAR 2026 NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) MARINE OPTION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Encl: (1) NROTC Four-year Procedures  
(2) Marine Corps Recruiting Command Precept  
(3) Marine Corps District Precept Template  
(4) NROTC Application Checklist  
(5) Selection Board Applicant Worksheet Guide (NROTC)  
(6) Board Report Format  
(7) Delayed Entry Statement of Understanding  
(8) Hold Harmless Forms  
(9) MCRISS Board Procedures  
(10) FY25 Four-Year Selectee letter  
(11) FY25 Non-selectee letter  
(12) Board Results by MCD

Ref: (a) MCRCO 1100.2B, Officer Commissioning Manual (OCM)

1. Cancellation. FROST Call 013-25 is cancelled.

2. Purpose. To notify all levels in the Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC) of the policies and procedures for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Four-Year Naval Reserve Officer Training (NROTC) Marine Option Scholarship program for the Class of 2030 and to provide the allocation of scholarships for each region and district.

3. Information

a. All NROTC applications must be submitted utilizing the electronic scholarship program and submitted by the applicant no later than 31 January 2026. Applications submitted after 31 January 2026 will not be considered, and do not count towards submission credit. Deadlines and procedures for application submission, actions involving [www.netfocus.netc.navy.mil](http://www.netfocus.netc.navy.mil) (NETFOCUS), Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System (MCRISS) use, board conduct, and submission of selection board results are outlined in enclosure (1). All applications will be entered accurately into MCRISS as defined by enclosure (4) no later than ten days prior to the board convening date, unless otherwise directed by the District NROTC Program Manager.

b. The Early (fall) boards will convene no earlier than 1 October 2025 and will be completed in order for the results and endorsements to be submitted to MCRC via the Region on or before 1 December 2025. The Regular (spring) boards will convene no earlier than 1 February 2026 and will be completed for the results and endorsements to be submitted to MCRC via the Region on or before 10 March 2026.

c. All applicants meet the minimum requirements and submit their NETFOCUS applications before the application deadline on 31 January 2026 will be boarded. Applications submitted after 31 January 2026 will not be considered, and do not count towards submission credit. There will be no internal deadlines prior to 31 January 2026. Quality control checks for all NROTC boards will be conducted at all levels of MCRC. Marine Corps Districts submitting applications must ensure those applications are 100% accurate.

4. Minimum Qualifications

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a. Applicants must possess one of the minimum test scores from the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), American College Test (ACT) Composite, or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as per reference (a). Only the most recent score of each type may be used when determining eligibility, no super scores.

b. Applicants must be within Marine Corps height, weight, and body fat standards.

c. The Marine-Option scholarship program requires all candidates to take the Marine Corps PFT. Failure of any of the events disqualifies a candidate for consideration. A candidate must have a minimum score of 175 on the PFT prior to the selection board to be considered board eligible. The PFT must be supervised by the RS XO or delegated to another Marine.

d. Prior to administration of the PFT, RS XOs will ensure completion of the hold harmless agreements by the candidate and/or the applicant's parent per the Marine Corps Recruiting Command Policy Letter 01-24, Safety and Risk Management for Recruiting Station Events Involving Physical Activity. RS XOs will include the completed forms in the application.

e. Applicants must graduate from high school by 1 August of the year of entrance into the Four-year NROTC Scholarship Program.

f. Students who have graduated high school and who are in a four-year secondary education institution are not eligible for the Four-Year NROTC National Scholarship. It is recommended that these students contact the Professors of Naval Science at the Host University's Navy ROTC Unit to discuss other scholarship opportunities.

g. Students who are still in high school with college credits are eligible for the Four-Year NROTC National Scholarship per reference (a).

h. Students attending community college who will not exceed more than 60 semester hours by the end of the spring semester can be considered for the four-year national board.

(1) Exceptions to policy (ETP) may be considered on a case-by-case basis for those who are otherwise exceptionally qualified. ETPs must be generated by the Recruiting Station Executive Officer (RSXO), positively endorsed by the District NROTC Program Manager, and submitted by Region via sharepoint to be routed to MCRC headquarters for final decision.

(2) All applicants must meet waiver and tattoo review requirements as per reference (a).

i. Applicants are not authorized to attend "Navy only" or "Navy Nurse only" programs. Applicants also are not authorized to attend a college or university that lacks Marine Corps Staffing - e.g., the Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI) are gapped. This ensures all Marine Option applicants/midshipmen receive Marine Corps-specific mentorship, in-line with Marine Corps standards.

j. For additional qualification information refer to the NROTC public website at [www.netfocus.netc.navy.mil](http://www.netfocus.netc.navy.mil).

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## 5. Applicants

### a. Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Applicants

(1) NROTC applicants may be enlisted into the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) during the NROTC process. Enclosure (8), the DEP Statement of Understanding, must be signed and included in the application.

(2) Under no circumstances will a NROTC selectee ship to boot camp on a regular or reserve contract. NROTC selectees must decline scholarships in writing to both MCRC and Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) if they wish to enlist.

(3) If a DEP applicant chooses to ship before the regular selection board, that applicant will be removed from the board and not count for submission credit. The DEP applicant must sign a written request stating their intent not to be considered for NROTC. If under the age of 18, the applicant's custodial parent must sign the above request.

(4) All DEP selectees must be discharged utilizing the discharge code ZEG within 45 days of the selection results being approved by MCRC. If this DEP discharge requirement is not met, Region Operations will be notified via the weekly roll-up of the requirement to discharge those selected poolees to comply with this policy.

b. Enlisted Marine Applicants. MCRC will publish a MARADMIN announcing selection of all enlisted Marines. Active and Reserve component Marines will be guided by the current fiscal year's MARADMIN for Marine Option NROTC. All enlisted Marines selected will be subsequently transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) prior to executing their orders to their respective NROTC Unit.

## 6. Selection Boards

a. Enclosures (1) thru (12) will be used and referenced throughout the board processes. The convening authority will be the District Commander.

b. Board presidents must hold the rank of lieutenant colonel or above. In rare cases and with prior approval from MCRC ON/E, majors are authorized to fill the position. In all cases, board presidents and all board members must be physically or electronically present during all board proceedings.

(1) It is highly recommended an MOI participate as a voting member on the selection board.

(2) Non-voting members are authorized to brief an applicant to the selection board at the discretion of the board president (e.g. RS XO briefs an applicant from their respective MCD to the board via VTC or teleconference).

(3) RS XOs can brief their own applicants to the board. A member is authorized to provide additional information to the board members during the briefing of the package.

## 7. Tasks

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a. MCRC Headquarters (HQ)

(1) MCRC Officer Naval and Enlisted (ON/E) section serves as the MCRC NROTC Program Manager for Officer Programs, G3.

(2) Conduct a 10 percent quality control check of all NROTC applications entered in MCRISS to ensure compliance with this FROST Call no earlier than one business day prior to the board convening date.

(3) Coordinate with the Recruiting Regions and Districts to ensure selection boards are properly conducted, board members are properly staffed, and applicants are properly informed to enroll sufficient, qualified individuals into the NROTC program.

(4) Publish (and refine as necessary) the required submission and selection requirements established for NROTC Program Managers at the RS, MCD, and Region levels.

b. Recruiting Regions

(1) The Regional Training Team Officer (TTO) serves as the Regional NROTC Program Managers for their respective region.

(2) Initiate a quality control check of 20 percent of the NROTC applications in MCRISS no later than two days prior to the start date of the MCD board.

(3) Approve all region-level waivers prior to the selection boards convening. Forward all MCRC-level waivers and ETPs to MCRC and confirm waiver decision prior to the board convening by updating MCRISS.

(4) Review all selection results and submit the MCD selection results, with endorsements from the recruiting region to the MCRC NROTC Program Manager no later than seven days after the conclusion of the selection board. All district results are due by 1 December 2025 and 10 March 2026, respectively. Results will include MCD precept, board report, selectee and non-selectee rosters, board statistics, selectee scroll, District Commanding Officer endorsement, and Regional endorsements.

(5) Ensure the MCD selection boards submit and select enough applications to meet the Region requirements established in Paragraph 8.

(6) Submit all four-Year selection rosters to the MCRC NROTC Program Managers NLT 1 December 2025 and 10 March 2026. Regions can negotiate allocations as long as selection goal is met.

c. Marine Corps Districts (MCD)

(1) The Training Team Officers (TTO) serve as the MCD NROTC Program Managers for their respective districts.

(2) Ensure all required RS personnel have access and training to MCRISS Legacy and NETFOCUS.

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(3) Initiate a QC check of 100 percent of the board eligible NROTC applications in MCRISS and NETFOCUS within the district no later than three days prior to the start of the board.

(4) Approve all waivers and update MCRISS prior to the selection board convening. Forward all region-level waivers and above for board ready applicants to the respective recruiting region and confirm waiver decision prior to the board convening.

(5) Submit and select the required amount of applications listed in Paragraph 8.

(6) Update MCRISS board module with select and non-selected at the conclusion of the board. Use MCRISS report to create the board report and statistics.

(7) Submit the board report to region with precept, board report, selectees printed out to third school choice, non-selectees, MCD CO's endorsement, and board results by MCD. Send PDF and Excel copies to MCRC ON/E.

(8) Ensure RS NROTC Program Managers notify selectee and non-selectees by letter within 21 days of released placement roster.

d. Recruiting Stations (RS)

(1) RS Commanding Officer (CO). Ensure the NROTC program is nested within the High School/Community College program and incorporates all necessary resources available in order to support both programs.

(2) RS XO

(a) The RS XO serves as the RS NROTC Program Manager and is responsible for the creation of the MCRISS records when initial qualification is determined.

(b) Ensure completion of required screening, applicant evaluation, and application preparation for applicants is completed in accordance with enclosures (1) through (12).

(c) Ensure all applicants who meet the program requirements outlined in this FROST Call have the opportunity to complete and submit their application to the selection board.

(d) Discuss aviation opportunities with applicants who express interest in aviation through their application or verbally during their interview.

(e) Forward all district-level waivers and above for board ready applicants to the respective district and confirm waiver decision prior to the board convening. Ensure the MCRISS waiver module is updated with waiver decision.

(f) Submit all qualified and board ready applications via the MCD directed location to their MCD NROTC Program Manager by the MCD established deadline. Ensure MCRISS records are complete.

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(g) At the conclusion of the Early and Regular board, after MCD CO has signed the board report, selectees can be notified with the following verbiage:

"Congratulations, you have been selected to receive a scholarship. Your official letter will be sent once you have been placed at a school by NSTC."

(h) Once the placed rosters have been sent to MCD and RS XOs, send select and non-select letters to all applicants within 21 days.

8. Allocations

a. MCRC will provide a total of 514 Four-Year NROTC scholarship allocations of which: 257 ERR & 257 WRR can be awarded for FY26. It is essential that submissions to the NROTC scholarship program include competitive applicants.

b. The following allocations are for the Class of 2030:

		4 Year Scholarship Allocations
ERR		257
	1st MCD	84
	4th MCD	82
	6th MCD	91
WRR		257
	8th MCD	78
	9th MCD	87
	12th MCD	92
MCRC		514

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