

ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS



A PROUD TRADITION

Clemson University has a proud tradition of military excellence dating back to its very founding as an all-male military institution. Beginning with the first graduating class of 1896, more than 10,000 Clemson alumni have served in the armed forces. Many have been highly decorated for their service and sacrifices. Some have received the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for acts of heroism in combat. And sadly, 493 Clemson alumni have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

In 1955, the trustees of Clemson College took steps toward becoming an open university resulting in the abolishment of the Corps of Cadets. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) basic program remained mandatory for only freshman and sophomore males until 1969. ROTC became an elective program in 1971, when it was opened to women. Just three years later, Clemson commissioned its first female leadership officer.



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ROTC AT CLEMSON

Today, Clemson Army and Air Force ROTC cadets carry on the rich tradition of the historic Corps of Cadets. Clemson University's Army and Air Force ROTC programs are recognized as some of the best in the country. These talented young students go on to serve our great nation in every corner of the globe as the future leaders of our armed forces. Through their patriotic duty, the distinguished and selfless service of the original Clemson Corps of Cadets is not only kept alive but is thriving.

This was not always the case. After the Vietnam War, ROTC enrollment declined dramatically nationwide. Then after the Gulf War, ROTC enrollment dropped again. Programs in competition with ROTC were offering significant financial incentives to attract scholarship cadets. Because the honorable traditions these students maintain are a source of pride for the entire Clemson Family, the Clemson Alumni Association responded to the challenge with the formation of The Clemson Corps. The Corps revitalized ROTC at Clemson and is the best way to support the beloved program now and into the future.

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CLEMSON CORPS ENDOWMENT

The Clemson Corps is a constituency group dedicated to continuing Clemson's military heritage and developing other opportunities to commemorate the proud military history of Clemson University. It supports Clemson University's Army and Air Force ROTC programs through an annual scholarship endowment. It helps bring outstanding students to Clemson who will go on to become the military leaders of tomorrow.

Clemson is proud to continue developing our country's future patriots. A gift to the Clemson Corps Endowment will allow these great student cadets to continue participating in Clemson's ROTC programs. Every year, the Clemson Corps Endowment awards scholarships to students who are beginning their ROTC career in hopes of encouraging and challenging them to live up to the legacy of the program. We need private support to ensure that this historic program lives on at Clemson.

Since its founding, Clemson has been committed to honoring those who have served or are serving our great nation in the U.S. Armed Forces. Your gift to the Clemson Corps will allow Clemson's legacy of bravery and commitment to continue. It will give our bravest students the opportunity to pursue a career marked by noble service to our University and our country.



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