

# GUIDELINES FOR SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) AWARD for Colleges and Universities

**General:** The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is a fraternal organization first established in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801. The Scottish Rite and its approximately 225,000 members help communities across the nation every day through scholarships, the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, the Scottish Rite for Children Hospitals, and other programs.

**Description:** Approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, the Scottish Rite ROTC Award consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the words "ROTC Education and Americanism," which call attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite.

**Purpose:** This award recognizes one outstanding cadet in his or her second or third year of a four-year program. To assist in preparation, a sample copy of the completed certificate is included in the award package.



## Eligibility:

### The cadet must:

-  Have contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects;
-  Have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his or her academic class;
-  Have demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism;
-  Have not previously received this award.

**Selection:** The senior officer or professor of Military/Naval Science will make the selection.

**Administration:** The Supreme Council is divided into two Jurisdictions, the Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. For a list of Orients (states, districts, and territories) in the Southern Jurisdiction, please visit <https://scottishrite.org> and select "Find a Scottish Rite Valley (Chapter)" under the "About Us" tab on the main menu and click the "Orient" dropdown menu.

- Southern Jurisdiction: Requests for the award should be sent to the nearest Scottish Rite Valley (Chapter) of the Southern Jurisdiction. For Valley locations or questions, please visit <https://scottishrite.org> and select "Find a Scottish Rite Valley (Chapter)" under the "About Us" tab on the main menu or contact the National Headquarters, Grand Executive Director Office, by telephone at 202-232-3579, or by emailing [grandexec@scottishrite.org](mailto:grandexec@scottishrite.org).
- For Colleges and Universities in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, please refer to: <https://scottishritenmj.org/>, go under "About" then "Medals & Awards" and select "Americanism ROTC Award." Inquiries should be directed to Kiara Veras, telephone: 1-800-814-1432, ext. 3133, or email: [KVeras@srmj.org](mailto:KVeras@srmj.org).

**Presentation and Publicity:** With 30 days prior notice of the presentation ceremony, the Scottish Rite Valley that provided the award will send a presenter whenever possible.