



ARMY
Officer Candidate
School (OCS)



Officer Candidate School **INSPIRING STRENGTH IN OTHERS**

Officer Candidate School provides an opportunity for graduates who desire a challenging management position in one of sixteen career fields. These motivated individuals earn their commission through the Officer Candidate School for service in the Active component or Army Reserve.

Officers are the Army's leaders. They plan training and lead Soldiers all over the world. They make decisions that impact on our Nation's greatest asset — America's sons and daughters. They earn a salary and benefits that rival civilian corporations.

Army Officers are trained in career fields ranging from communication and personnel management to finance and logistics. Their training encourages the development of leadership and problem-solving skills that make them sought after by civilian employers.

Requirements

To attend Officer Candidate School, you must be a U.S. citizen and a college graduate, be at least 18 years of age at the time of regular Army enlistment and entered active duty or ship to training on or before your 30th birthday. Army Reserve, be at least 18 years of age at the time of enlistment and entered active duty or ship to training on or before your 35th birthday. (Age waiver will be granted on meritorious cases only). High school seniors may also apply.

Eligibility

When you are ready to apply to OCS, simply contact your local Recruiter to start the application process. Thank you for your interest, we eagerly await your completed application.

College Option

Must enter active duty or ship to training prior to their 30th birthday. Army Reserve officer candidates must enter active duty or ship to training before their 35th birthday. (Age waivers will be granted on meritorious cases only).

Active Army Option

See your local Recruiter for information on this application process.

Training

Officer Candidates will attend Basic Training, a nine-week training course where candidates go through the process of becoming full-fledged Soldiers. Upon graduation, Officer Candidates will attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA.

The specific training you receive in Officer Candidate School will teach you things like leadership development, military skills and adventure training. This will take place both in the classroom and in the field. Depending on if you are new to the Army or currently in the Army, you will undergo most or all of the following courses. The best part about this leadership development training? You will use and benefit from it for years to come.

Officer Candidate Course

There are scholars among you who aspire to achieve something even greater than a college degree. They aspire to be leaders. They are Army OCS Candidates — and you can join them by attending the Army Officer Candidate Course.

OCS is 12 weeks of intense classroom and field training held at Fort Benning, GA. You will receive the kind of leadership development training that is unmatched by any other program. How? By developing your potential in the most important of ways — mentally, physically and emotionally. You will be grouped into squads where you will gain experience in all leadership roles — culminating in verbal and written feedback on your improvement. The 12 weeks and two phases of OCS can lead you to the ultimate goal: becoming an Army Officer.

The Officer Candidate Program is divided into two parts:

Phase 1

You will learn the basic leadership skills required of a commissioned Officer. Candidates are faced with both physical and mental challenges, designed not to break your will to succeed, but rather to develop and evaluate your determination and desire to excel.

Phase 2

All of the skills you have learned in your training to this point will be put to the test in a field environment. As a Senior Phase Candidate, you are tested on both leadership abilities and your ability to work as a team. It is an intense 18-day training mission that hones the skills learned during your previous training.