



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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SIU CARBONDALE DETACHMENT 205

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MEMORANDUM FOR AFROTC DETACHMENT 205 APPLICANT

FROM: AFROTC DET 205/CC
Southern Illinois University | Grinnell Hall
275 E. Park Street | Mail Code 6718
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1. Welcome to Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 205, home of the *Soaring Warriors!* As an inbound active cadet, you are required to attend the New Cadet Orientation on **Saturday, 19 August** from 0715 – 1600 (7:15 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.). ALL cadets and their families will meet at the Grinnell Hall Study Hub on the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) campus: **275 E. Park Street, Carbondale, IL 62901**. i.e., SIUC, John A. Logan College (JALC), and Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) cadets and families.

The intent of this orientation is to assist you with your transition to the AFROTC environment. It will consist of processing your application paperwork, presentations that will outline our expectations and familiarize you with the AFROTC way of life. You will also receive an introduction to drill and ceremonies and participate in a physical training workout. Your family is encouraged to stay through the initial presentations so they can also develop a clear understanding what enrollment in our selective program entails. We will host lunch for all new cadets at the SIU Bowling Alley. Please email afrotc@siu.edu to report any dietary restrictions.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend the New Cadet Orientation on 19 August, you are required to reach out to the detachment and make an appointment to in-process **IN PERSON** prior to 23 August.

2. Please read **Attachment 1** carefully as it is a checklist of required items that each new cadet must bring to the orientation to process you into the AFROTC program. Additionally, in order to participate in required AFROTC activities, have your physician complete and sign **Attachment 2**, the *AFROTC Pre-Participatory Sports Physical, Form 28* and turn it in during orientation as well. If you do not bring the Form 28, you will not be able to participate fully in the orientation or other AFROTC activities.

NOTE: If you have a military physical certified by the *Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB)* within the last two years, bring that instead of the Form 28.

3. **Attachment 3** is an application for the *Illinois State Tuition Waiver (ISTW)*. If you are an Illinois resident attending Southern Illinois University or John A. Logan, you may apply for the ISTW by completing the application and bringing it with you to the orientation in August along with the necessary documentation. We will not offer new ISTWs until after we have assessed your performance and conducted an interview with you. We will make offers around mid-October. Please be aware that the ISTW covers *tuition* only. It does not cover fees. Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) cadets do not qualify for the ISTW.

4. SIU Cadets: I *highly* encourage you to live in the AFROTC Living Learning Community (LLC), located in Mae Smith Tower, for a minimum of your first year. Adjusting to a military lifestyle is not easy for young adults who may be on their own for the first time. Surrounding yourself with wingmen who follow the same military regimen will benefit you when you are waking up at 0500 (5:00 A.M.) for physical training sessions and meeting sharp deadlines for other formations. It will also enable easy access to and ready support from our staff and cadre. You can always join an LLC of a major you intend to declare *after* establishing a solid routine in the AFROTC LLC. Wise choices begin now. Set yourself up for success.

5. SEMO cadets who live in the military housing community on campus in Vandiver Hall are eligible to receive an annual \$3,000 housing scholarship. Cadets who live in other campus housing are eligible for an annual \$1,500 housing scholarship.

6. Your desire to pursue a career of service to this nation inspires me, and I appreciate your willingness to challenge yourself by committing to this program. One last word to the wise...show up in shape and ready to lead! Please contact Detachment 205 with any questions at (618) 453-2481 or via email at afrotc@siu.edu. The *Soaring Warriors* and I look forward to meeting you and your parents/guardians in August!

JESSICA H. DWYER, Lt Col, USAF
Commander

7 Attachments:

1. List of Required AFROTC Items
2. AFROTC Form 28, AFROTC Pre-Participation Sports Physical
3. ISTW Application
4. New Student Orientation Draft Itinerary
5. WINGS How-to Guide
6. Female Physical Training Score Chart
7. Male Physical Training Score Chart