## Chapter 12

## SCHOLARSHIPS, SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS, ADVANCED ENLISTMENT, AND FLIGHT ACADEMY

**12.1.** AFJROTC Scholarship Program. Provides an incentive for AFJROTC units to attract and retain students whose academic specialties and demonstrated potential will assist in meeting critical Air Force officer needs. AFJROTC is allotted a percentage of the total four-year AFROTC college scholarships and awards may be Type I, II, or VII as prescribed in the scholarship application package. The SASI will nominate cadets who are enrolled in the AFJROTC West Nassau High School program; demonstrate the potential to succeed in college and in college AFROTC; and exhibit potential and desire to serve as an Air Force officer. Cadet must meet minimum standards for scholarship competition and scholarship activation. Satisfying minimum criteria does not guarantee award of scholarship. In addition to the SASI nomination, the cadet must also complete and submit the entire scholarships application booklet or the on-line application. Applicants must also be morally qualified and must complete a physical aptitude exam in addition to being ultimately medically qualified. Applicants should strive to develop a profile with not only academic strengths but also extracurricular involvement and leadership strengths. Scholarships cover most of the costs of college at selected universities that offer the AFROTC option. Actual amount is determined by the scholarship type and duration. The specific academic major that the scholarship is being awarded in will be determined by AFROTC which reflects the officer needs of the Air Force and which are published annually in the scholarship application.

**12.2.** Service Academy Nominations. AFJROTC honor schools as designated by AFOATS/JR may nominate up to five cadets to the United States Air Force Academy and three cadets to West Point and the US Naval Academy. To be eligible the cadet must have completed one year of AFJROTC and must complete at least 2 years of AFJROTC upon graduation. Interested cadets must complete and submit a pre-candidate questionnaire. Specific instructions will be sent to the SASI who will complete required documentation.

**12.3.** Advanced Enlistment. IAW DODI 1205.13, a student presenting evidence of successful completion of at least 2 academic years of JROTC is entitled to advanced promotion to grade of no less the E-2 on initial enlistment in an Active or Reserve component of a Military Service. At their discretion, the Military Department may award the grade of E-3 for successful completion of 3 academic years of JROTC. Three years of JROTC also entitles a student to no less than 1 year of credit in the Senior College ROTC Officer Commissioning Program. For the USAF, cadets who present a high school JROTC completion certificate (3 years of successful JROTC) and a high school diploma from West Nassau High School prior to Enter Active Duty (EAD) date, are entitled to A1C if they successfully complete basic training. There are also special Air Force job booking programs such as CHAPA for highly competitive cadets that is managed by the SASI

12.4. Flight Academy. Each year students 16 or older by March are considered for the USAF Flight Academy. The Flight Academy is a scholarship in which the Air Force pays a cadet to obtain their private pilot's license. It is held at a university for 9 weeks during the summer. It is highly competitive and there are 5 scoring components used to board applicants: 1. Aviation Qualifying Test,
2. Endorsement, 3. Aviation Experience, 4. Physical Fitness, 5. Life Experiences. Additionally, your Aviation Qualifying Test composite score comprises 45% of your overall board score. Therefore, it is imperative that you do your best and prepare early for this comprehensive test.