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SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Many private Liberal Arts Colleges are looking at students records and provide scholarships based on leadership and community involvement.

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have found that the amounts for these are not as high as the ROTC incentive, however many colleges will give students GRANTS based on both.

I believe this may also hold true for NAVY and AIR FORCE ROTC programs at PRIVATE COLLEGES as well as the ARMY.

I have found that many PRIVATE COLLEGES that have Army ROTC programs

will provide Freshman (Eagle Scouts) who enroll in their ROTC program and take two classes in ROTC subjects with an INCENTIVE scholarship

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GRANT) of approximately \$4000-5000 if they also apply for a 3 year ROTC scholarship through the Army during their Freshman year.

This requires that the Freshman student apply for admission to the college, indicate on the application that he/she intends to participate in the ROTC program, gains acceptance to the college, and writes a personal letter to the Professor of Military Science stating that they are interested in the program (and that they are an Eagle Scout/Gold Award recipient) and intend to apply for a 3 year ROTC scholarship upon attendance during their freshman year.

The colleges provide this INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP (GRANT) based on the

students academic record as well as ACT/SAT scores and the fact that the student is an Eagle Scout/Gold Award and a prime candidate for receipt of a 3 year ROTC scholarship. The letter that is sent to the professor of Military Science is basically endorsed by the Senior Army Officer for the ROTC program at the college and is forwarded by him/her to the Financial Aid office with a recommendation that the student receive the GRANT because he/she most likely will receive

**funding from the army for the following 3 years.**

**The idea here of course is to get the students into the military, however the student does not sign an obligation to the military until the middle of their Sophomore year. As I see it once the student is in college and gets good grades during their freshman year they would also be eligible for additional Scholarships at the end of the freshman year and may choose not to accept the 3 year ROTC scholarship.**

**It is a way to explore some options for funding college. Now some may say that we should not be encouraging scouts to USE THE SYSTEM and I agree.. But I also feel that these young people should be provided with opportunities to go to college! So I say use it!!**

**Some of the colleges I am aware of who offer such incentive are:**

**Seattle University "Catholic Jesuit" in Seattle Washington  
Pacific Lutheran "Lutheran" in Tacoma Washington  
Scranton University "Catholic Jesuit" in Scranton PA  
Colorado School of Mines in Boulder Co**

**I am sure that there are other colleges who provide these incentives. In my own personal experience it is only the "Private Colleges" who do so. The funding does not come from the military, but from the board of regents at the college itself.**

**Hope this helps some young person out there to finance their education!**

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