Savannah State University NROTC
Fredrick C. Branch Scholarship

Capt Mathew
MSgt James
Frederick C. Branch

- Branch applied for Officer Candidate School, but was initially denied. While serving with a supply unit in the Pacific his performance earned him the recommendation of his commanding officer. He received his officer's training in the Navy V-12 program at Purdue University the only African-American in a class of 250. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on November 10, 1945.

- In 2006, the Marine Corps Recruiting Command created the Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship. It is a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship for students who are currently attending or have received letters of acceptance to one of 17 historically black colleges and universities that have NROTC programs on campus.
Qualification/Requirements

• **High School Students**
  • Nominees must be a U.S. citizen
  • Not less than 17 years old by September 1 of the year starting college and no more than 23 years of age on June 30 of that year.
  • Must not have reached 27th birthday by 31 December of the year in which graduation and commissioning are anticipated.
  • Solid academic performance (GPA: 3.0 or higher considered competitive)
  • High school diploma/or an equivalency certificate (GED) by August 1 of the same year
  • Submit most current transcripts
  • All nominees must not possess any tattoos that are prejudicial to good order and discipline, gang or extremist related, questionable size, prohibited or questionable location, or excessive in number.
• **High School Students**
  - 3 teacher evaluations
  - Submit a 1500 word essay, subject: What It Means To Become A Marine Corps Officer
  - Must meet one of the following qualifying test scores: ASVAB: 74(AFQT), SAT: 1000 (Math/Reading), ACT 22(Composite)
  - Must achieve at the minimum a 225 or better on the Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test
  - Must meet minimum height, weight, and Body Fat standards per MCO 6110. 3.
  - Must reflect high moral character
  - Must be personally interviewed by the Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) and the Professor of Naval Science(PNS)
Previous Awardees

- PFT: 237
- HS Graduate
- 3.6 Cumulative GPA
- SAT: 1080
- ACT: 23

- PFT: 233
- HS Graduate
- 3.2 Cumulative GPA
- AFQT: 78
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#### DoD Height/Weight Standards

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#### Marine Corps Body Composition Standards

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Additional Information

• Students will not be awarded the scholarship if they are in a probationary period or if they enter a probationary period during the interval of the scholarship package being approved.
• Locally competitive (NOT NATIONALLY)
• Nominations for the FCB Marine Leadership Scholarship can be submitted by the NROTC units from 1 October 2015 to 15 July 2016
Scholarship Process

- Talk to your Savannah State NROTC representative/JROTC.
- Assess your situation (classes you are taking in high school).
- Take the test (ASVAB/SAT/ACT).
- Evaluations/Essay.
- PFT (225 or higher).
- Personal Interview with MOI/ PNS (Commanding Officer).
- Talk to your local Savannah State NROTC representative/JROTC Instructor and put your package together.
Scholarship Process

• Submit scholarship package to Marine Corps Recruiting Command from **1 October 2015 to 15 July 2016** (through SSU).
• Units may convene with a local unit selection board to identify and recommend to the PNS the most qualified candidate.
• MCRC (3 officers on board) will view every candidate for the FCB scholarship.
• All final results will approved by the Commanding General of MCRC.
• If awarded scholarship the NROTC unit will notify you via formal letter from MCRC.
FCB Scholarship Package

- All forms via SSU NROTC
- Marine Physical Fitness Test Score and date of test
- Estimated date of commissioning
- MOI and PNS interview
- PNS statement
- Transcripts
- MCRC Regular Officer (ON/E) application and program information sheet with full social security number and addendum pages
- Official test scores (ASVAB/SAT/ACT)
- Tattoo screening form with colored photos
- Tattoo statement of understanding
- Teacher evaluations
- Essay
Awarded FCB Scholarship

- Must be physically qualified or waived to accept the NROTC FCB Marine Leadership Scholarship by Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DoDMERB)
- The unit will schedule physical examination for the earliest possible dates
- The purpose of the physical examination is to determine whether a medical or physical condition exists that may disqualify the individual from the service as a Marine Officer.
- Once found physically qualified you must attend classes at Savannah State University.
- As a student you are directly connected to Savannah State University; therefore transfers to non HBCUs will not be entertained
Scholarship Benefits

- Full Tuition paid for.
- All college and university education fees, including any out-of-state fees and lab fees for any major offered by the University or College.
- $750 per year for books ($375 per semester.)
- Monthly subsistence allowance for each academic year: $250 freshmen year, $300 sophomore year, $350 junior year, and $400 senior year
- During periods assigned to summer training you will be paid a monthly stipend.
Graduation Benefits

- Guaranteed employment upon graduation and commissioning.
- Full medical and dental coverage.
- Thirty-days paid vacation (each year).
- Competitive starting salary. (Over $3K/month in pay and allowances).
- World travel and experience.
- Unparalleled leadership opportunities.
Questions?