



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.



Qualifications/Requirements Cont.

- *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

Males			Females		
HEIGHT	Maximum Standard	Minimum Standard	HEIGHT	Maximum Standard	Minimum Standard
(Inches)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Inches)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)
58"	131	91	58"	119	91
59"	136	94	59"	124	94
60"	141	97	60"	128	97
61"	145	100	61"	132	100
62"	150	104	62"	136	104
63"	155	107	63"	141	107
64"	160	110	64"	145	110
65"	165	114	65"	150	114
66"	170	117	66"	155	117
67"	175	121	67"	159	121
68"	180	125	68"	164	125
69"	186	128	69"	169	128
70"	191	132	70"	174	132
71"	197	136	71"	179	136
72"	202	140	72"	184	140
73"	208	144	73"	189	144
74"	214	148	74"	194	148
75"	220	152	75"	200	152
76"	225	156	76"	205	156
77"	231	160	77"	210	160
78"	237	164	78"	216	164
79"	244	168	79"	221	168
80"	250	173	80"	227	173

Marine Corps Body Composition Standards			
Age Group	Male	Female	
17-26	18% BF	26% BF	
27-39	19% BF	27% BF	
40-45	20% BF	28% BF	
46+	21% BF	29% BF	

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 your 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?

