



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS AFROTC EDUCATIONAL DELAY PROGRAM

## OVERVIEW

The Educational Delay Program is a three-year program for officers commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) who want to delay their entry on extended active duty in order to study law. Applicants are not guaranteed positions as judge advocates (JAGs) and must compete for selection into the Education Delay Program (Ed Delay-In) and into the JAG Corps (Ed Delay-Out). The Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) does not award any scholarships for participation in the program. Participants are responsible for the cost of their legal education and do not receive military pay or benefits while attending law school.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be currently participating in an AFROTC program and meet the requirements set forth in AFMAN 36-2032, *Military Recruiting and Accessions*, and any applicable Instructions of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Access and Citizen Development (commonly referred to as the Holm Center).
- Have applied to one or more daytime J.D. program(s) at an ABA-approved law school (includes previously taking the LSAT to apply to law school). Admission to an ABA-approved law school is ultimately required, but is not a prerequisite to applying.
- Must be in good academic standing.
- Must be a United States citizen.
- Must complete the AFROTC program and obtain a commission as a second lieutenant.

## TRAINING AND SERVICE COMMITMENT

Educational Delay students are assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and serve in an Inactive Reserve status during law school. Students normally complete a legal internship with the JAG Corps during the summer between their second and third year of law school, which is typically performed at the base legal office closest to the officer's place of residence. Internships vary from 60 to 89 days. Officers draw full active duty pay, benefits, and travel allowances during their internships.

Officers who are not selected through both the Ed Delay-In and the Ed Delay-Out boards or who otherwise fail to meet legal licensing requirements will be referred to the Air Force Personnel Center for an assignment decision. Officers selected to become JAGs begin active duty as first lieutenants after completing legal licensing requirements and are eligible for promotion to captain after six months of active duty. The initial active duty commitment is four years, which begins the day the judge advocate enters active duty.

Within a few months after reporting to their first duty location, JAGs will attend the Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC). JASOC is a nine-week course at the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, which is also located at Maxwell AFB. JASOC is designed to ease the transition into practicing law in the military setting. At JASOC, new JAGs are exposed to the military justice system, legal assistance, civil law, and operations and international law. They also have the opportunity to participate in mock trials, practical exercises, and gain leadership skills.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**PART 1 (EDUCATIONAL DELAY-IN):** Applicants must apply to the JAG Corps and AFIT. The JAG Corps conducts an Educational Delay board once a year and the application is available online at [www.airforce.com/jag](http://www.airforce.com/jag). The online application window opens 1 November and the application deadline is 10 January. Once an application is submitted, an active duty Staff Judge Advocate contacts the applicant to schedule the required in-person interview, which must be completed by 1 February. Applicants must also apply to AFIT, through their local AFROTC Detachment, early during the spring semester of their senior year of undergraduate school.

**PART 2 (EDUCATIONAL DELAY-OUT):** During the final semester of law school, Ed-Delay students must repeat the same JAG Corps application process they completed for Ed Delay-In (application windows and deadlines are the same).

The Air Force JAG Corps selects applicants based on the “whole person” concept. Selection factors include academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, leadership traits, personal integrity, awards and honors, demonstrated elements of core values, writing/analytical skills, adaptability and flexibility, motivational statement, and military records.

Application documents include motivational statement, resume, LSAT Score Report, all undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable), full-length color photograph (courtroom attire), ROTC Field Training Performance Report, law school application form (available in the online application), letters of recommendation (up to five), and writing sample (no more than 10 pages). The complete list of required documents is available through the online application.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information, please visit [www.airforce.com/jag](http://www.airforce.com/jag), call 1-800-JAG-USAF, or email [af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil](mailto:af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil).



## ED DELAY CHECKLIST/TIMELINE

	DATE	ACTION
UNDERGRAD SENIOR YEAR (PART 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester	Review JAG Corps application requirements ( <a href="http://www.airforce.com/jag">www.airforce.com/jag</a> )
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>10 JANUARY</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION</b> - <i>Must have already applied to law schools but may be awaiting results</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (early)	Submit application to Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) (through ROTC Detachment)
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 FEBRUARY</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH A SJA</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Mar)	Applicants notified of selection board results <i>* Selection for Ed Delay-In (Part 1) does not guarantee JAG Corps selection. Ed-Delay student must apply again for Ed Delay-Out (Part 2)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Graduation - <i>Commissioned Line of the Air Force as 2d Lt, Inactive Reserves.</i> - <i>Granted an educational delay to attend law school before entry on active duty.</i>
1L & 2L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Spring Semester	Complete 1L and 2L law school requirements
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Complete JAG Corps internship (normally during summer between 2L and 3L year).
3L YEAR (PART 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>10 JANUARY</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 FEBRUARY</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH A SJA</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Mar)	Applicants notified of selection board results - - <i>Complete commissioning physical</i> - - <i>If not selected, will be referred to AFPC for assignment decision</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Law school graduation
POST LAW SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Bar Exam
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive Bar Exam results and complete legal licensing requirements
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive JAG Corps assignment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Winter	Entry on active duty (date varies based on completion of legal licensing requirements) and report to first duty location - <i>Commission as 1st Lt</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> As scheduled (nine week training)	Attend Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC) at Maxwell AFB, AL within a few months after reporting to first duty location