

# Boys 18 to 21 Years Old

## The Government Wants You in College In The Students' Army Training Corps

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### Authority.

"The Students' Army Training Corps is raised and maintained by direction of the President under authority conferred by Act of Congress on May 18, 1917."

The information about it contained in this leaflet is based on information in official communications from the Secretary of War and the General Staff at Washington, and much of it is quoted directly.

### What is the S. A. T. C.?

The Students' Army Training Corps is a department of the United States Army, consisting of units established in qualified higher civil educational institutions, which have been approved and appointed by the Government for this purpose.

### What are the purposes?

The objects are (1) to qualify, by systematic and standard methods of training, students in the colleges, for effective service in the armed forces of the United States; (2) to permit those students who are qualified, to complete their education; (3) to provide a reservoir from which candidates for Officers' Training Camp may be drawn; (4) to forestall an interruption in the Nation's supply of educated young men through premature voluntary enlistment of college students; (5) to give young men the moral and intellectual advantages of rigorous military discipline, and to develop in them robust health, hardihood and aggressive physical courage.

### **Who can enlist?**

Enlistment is voluntary, and is limited to students regularly enrolled in the institutions at which a unit of such corps is established; who must be citizens of the United States, not less than 18 years old, and able to qualify physically; ranking, at least, a Freshman in college.

### **What is the military status of enlisted members?**

Upon enlistment he becomes a member of the United States Army, subject to the call of the President; his name is taken off the draft list because he is already in the Army.

### **Who will be called to the colors?**

He is not in a "favored class," but it will be the policy of the Government not to call enlisted members of the S. A. T. C. to the colors until his number would have been reached under the Selective Service Regulations, or until he has finished his training, or until urgent military reasons compel an earlier call.

### **What effect will the lowering of the draft age have?**

It will not affect the S. A. T. C. This is assured. Students already enlisted in the Corps will be allowed to remain in it until 21 or the finish of their course, depending on the needs of the Government at the time.

### **Will the student have choice of Branch of Service?**

They "will not be limited in the choice of branch of service (i. e., engineers, artillery, infantry, navy, etc.) to any greater extent than they would have been had they not enlisted in the Corps."

### **What Military Training will he receive?**

Every student will take in addition to his regular college work, ten hours a week military drill and class work, under the U. S. Army officer detailed to that school; the Government furnishing uniform and guns; in the summer he will have six weeks or more in a training camp, under pay. He will then have completed the required course of the Officers' Reserve Training Corps, and be eligible to take examination for a Commission.

### **Discharge and Transfer.**

A student may be discharged for misbehavior, unfitness, withdrawal from college, etc., and then he returns to civil status, subject to the draft as before. Enlistment in the corps will not prevent his enlisting in other branches of active service, with the consent of his commanding officer.

### **Preparatory Students, and others not eligible.**

Students in Preparatory Departments of Colleges which have the units, or students in college who are under 18, or otherwise unqualified, may not **enlist**, but they may enroll and take the military drill.

### **What Colleges offer this training?**

The Government has prescribed certain conditions, and has examined the colleges under these; a dozen or more Class A plus colleges in Texas have been already approved, but since the list is not complete, no list can yet be published. Apply to the college of your choice, or the nearest to you, for information.

### **What advantage is this plan to the BOY?**

It enables a patriotic boy with ambition, to continue his college education, without avoiding military duty. It takes away all suspicion of being a slacker because he hasn't enlisted, for in this, he is enlisted. He is a soldier, assigned to special preparation duty. It enables him to get his education while doing the work which Government prefers for him to do.

### **What does the Government prefer for a boy to do?**

The most patriotic thing a boy of 18 to 21 can do is to get into college and the S. A. T. C. For the Government can get plenty of privates; but it is hard pressed to secure enough officer material and technically trained men.

This is no place for slackers. It is not a means of evading the draft, but of getting into the Army, in the place most needed.

Pass the information on.

This information is sent out by a committee officially appointed by the Government. All public-spirited citizens are urged to pass this information on to the boys and parents. This is necessary because the plans have been perfected so recently that there is not time enough before the opening of schools in September to secure the widest publicity.

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