



Howdy and thanks for your interest in the Corps of Cadets. The checklist below is provided for high school seniors to help them through the admissions to Texas A&M and join the Corps of Cadets.

General Information

- The Corps of Cadets is a student organization at Texas A&M consisting of 2,300 young men and women who are focused on becoming well-educated leaders of character. **There is no military obligation for joining the Corps**; however, all of our cadets take an ROTC class their first 3 semesters in the Corps. You can choose Army, Air Force or Navy/Marine ROTC. About 40% of our cadets choose to serve in the military as an Officer after graduation while the other 60% of Corps graduates go on to successful careers in the private or public sector or graduate school, far higher than the national average!
- How to Join. The only requirement to join the Corps is to be a student at Texas A&M. There is no application to join the Corps, just sign up for on campus housing with the Corps after you are offered admission, then register to join the Corps in May.
- Our cadets live in the Corps Dormitories on the Texas A&M campus. Housing is guaranteed for all incoming students choosing to join the Corps. However, we do grant some exceptions to live off campus for married students and military veterans. We recently completed a \$200,000,000 total makeover of our dormitories and Corps area so we now have the best facilities of any peer program in the Nation!
- Over 90% of our Cadets are on a **Corps of Cadets Scholarship**. Corps scholarships carry no military obligation. We have over 2,300 Corps scholarships, they range in value from \$1,200 - \$4,000 per year.

Spring Tasks

- Students and parents are invited to join our Class of 2025 **Corps Facebook Group**. This is a great way to keep up with the Corps and also to ask questions. Here is the link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aggiecorps25/>
- Corps Scholarships. The application for Corps and university scholarships is part of the application for admission. You will automatically be considered for Corps and university scholarships if you complete the scholarship application while applying for admission. For more information on Corps scholarships <http://corps.tamu.edu/academic-advantage/#scholarships>
- Visitation Programs. Unfortunately due to COVID 19 we had to suspend our overnight programs for at least the fall semester. We do have in-person and virtual appointments available now which can be scheduled thru the Texas A&M Visitor Center. Here is the link to register to visit <https://www.tamu.edu/visitors/register.html>
- Hot Topics Zoom Sessions. Join our cadets for Zoom sessions this spring covering hot topics such as How to Select your Unit, Academics, Physical Fitness, Weekly Schedule, ROTC Programs, etc...You will be emailed invitations to these zoom sessions.

- Weekly Q&A Zoom Sessions. Join us for our weekly Q&A Zoom sessions each Sunday night at 7:00 pm. These Zoom session provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the Corps. The Zoom Meeting ID for these sessions is 971 6368 7989 and the passcode is 037829.
- Housing. Students must be officially admitted to Texas A&M before they are eligible to apply for on-campus housing. Corps of Cadets housing is guaranteed for those joining the Corps but regular on-campus housing is made on a first-come, first-served basis. For regular on-campus housing, priority will be given to freshmen who apply for housing within 30 days of being admitted to Texas A&M. If you are unsure/still deciding on joining the Corps, we recommend you go ahead and apply for regular on-campus housing. It is very easy to change over to Corps housing once you make your final decision. If you already know you are joining the Corps you can apply for Corps housing on the Texas A&M Residence Life Website: <http://reslife.tamu.edu>. For questions regarding Corps housing you can contact Brenda Hefner at 979- 845-3443 or bhefner@tamu.edu.
- Aggie Band. Those interested in the Aggie Band must audition and be selected for a position in the band. You can schedule your audition once you are admitted to Texas A&M. Here is the link for more info on auditions: <https://musa.tamu.edu/auditions/>
- After you are accepted to A&M you will register for your **New Student Conference (NSC)**. There are numerous NSC's scheduled throughout the summer to choose from. The conferences are 2-day events and **You must sign up for your NSC by 1 May 2021**. Here is the link for more info on NSCs: <https://newaggie.tamu.edu/>
- Register for Fish Camp. Fish Camp is open to all incoming A&M freshmen. Fish Camp is a 4-day orientation program that takes place at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, Texas. Registration for Fish Camp should open in late May, 2021. It is a great opportunity but participation in Fish Camp is not required. Fish Camp welcomes the freshman class to Texas A&M each year with the purpose of giving them an opportunity to have fun, make friends, and learn more about life at Texas A&M.
- Football Games. All of our cadets are required to attend all home football games unless they have a specific academic requirement or family emergency. To accomplish this, all cadets (except those cadets in the Aggie Band) are required to purchase a **Football Pass**. Cadets in the Aggie Band can attend sporting events for free by using their student ID card. We expect sales of sports passes to start in late May, 2021.
- Register to Join the Corps. Corps registration will open on/about 1 May. This is an online process where you will officially tell us you plan to join and also when you will give us your top 4 outfit choices. We will send out more info on this process later this spring.

Summer Tasks

- Attend your scheduled New Student Conference (NSC). During your NSC you will register for your A&M classes. I will send out more details on Corps Registration later this spring.
- Cadets are required to have a **Corps Dining Plan** each semester. A&M should announce meal plans and prices around May, 2021.
- All incoming cadets must complete a **Corps of Cadets Report of Initial Medical/Psychological Form** prior to the start of Freshman Orientation Week. We will provide you a copy of the form as a part of the Corps Registration process.



- All incoming cadets will obtain a **Student ID Card** during their New Student Conference. This card is used to purchase your meals on campus and is also used as a key to enter into your dorms.
- Cadets can rent a **Post Office Box** while on campus for their New Student Conference. Post office boxes can be rented at the Northgate Post Office and at the Commons Mail Services.
- You will be measured and fitted for your **Corps of Cadets uniforms** during your New Student Conference. You will be issued a full set of uniforms after you arrive for Freshman Orientation Week. At your New Student Conference all incoming cadets will also receive a **Packing List** listing all the items they should and should not bring to Freshman Orientation Week.
- Freshmen are allowed to have a **car** at A&M. If you bring a car to A&M you will need to purchase a parking permit from Transportation Services. Students can order their parking pass in the Spring. Bicycles are also allowed but they also need a permit from Transportation Services (permit is free). The decision to bring a car or bicycle is a personal choice. Many cadets do not come with a car or bicycle and they are able to get where they need to go without any major issues using the A&M transportation system or their buddies.
- All freshmen and sophomores in the Corps are required to take an **ROTC** class and lab (Army, Air Force or Navy/Marine ROTC). **These classes carry no military obligation.** You will register for your ROTC class when you attend your NSC this summer.
- Aggie Band freshmen must register for their **Aggie Band class**. This is a 1 hour credit class and make sure you register "*for a grade*" – not "*sat/unsat*".
- All incoming freshmen are required to register for SOMS 111 (1 academic hour) – “Principles of Academic and Personal Development”. Incoming Transfer students are required register for SOMS 180 (1 academic hour) – “Survey of Performance-based Training Methods”
- For those new cadets joining the Corps, you will participate in **Freshman Orientation Week, (FOW)**. FOW is conducted in August and the dates will be announced early this spring. FOW is designed specifically to help incoming Cadets develop a solid start on their Academics and to learn Aggie Corps customs and traditions. This program provides an opportunity to “settle in” before the Fall Semester begins. Instruction on how to study and also how to make the best use of your available time will be provided. We will issue and assist you in preparing your uniforms, preparing your dorm room, and accomplishing numerous other tasks that will help complete your transition into Corps life at Texas A&M.

We will send you periodic emails with an updated checklist as more information becomes available.

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