

Careers

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Many young people, like yourself, are facing tough questions about their futures. Should you go to college? Should you get a job? Should you join the military? Even tougher are the "How" questions. The answers to all of these questions may be the Oregon Air National Guard. Unfortunately, when people choose between college, work or the military, they often feel they can choose one. With the Air National Guard you can get the benefits of being in the military, while keeping your civilian life!

In the Air National Guard your training will begin with six weeks of Basic Military Training, at Lackland AFB, in San Antonio, Texas. From there you will go on to Technical School!

The Air National Guard is currently offering fully paid training in Electronics, Aircraft Maintenance, Food Service, Computer Operator, and much more! Depending on your area of specialization, your training could last as little as 4 weeks - or as long as 42. And you'll receive your training on today's most modern, most sophisticated equipment. The training you get not only serves you during your Air Guard career, but can also provide you with valuable knowledge and skills to help you land a rewarding civilian job as well. And, unlike civilian training schools, you'll receive good pay while you learn.

The Air National Guard offers 11 specific apprentice programs in the following areas: **Communications-Computer Systems Control Apprentice:** From an airman in the field to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, military personnel rely on accurate and reliable communication. As a Communications-Computer Systems Control Apprentice in the Air National Guard, you will learn to control all types of communications circuitry and information systems. If you excelled in high school math and physics, you may well be suited to be a Communications-Computer Systems Control Apprentice.

Communications Cable Systems Apprentice: Communications Cable Systems Apprentices are highly trained in the transmission principles used to test cable plants and hardened missile cable systems. As a Communications Cable Systems Apprentice, you learn to splice plastic, meteorological, fiber optic, and coaxial cable leads using

mechanical connectors. You will seal cables and learn cable pressurization as well as repair of all types of cables. If you excelled in analytical math in high school, you may be well suited to be a Communications Cable Systems Apprentice.

General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice: The Air National Guard maintains a large number of cars, trucks, busses and other vehicles. It takes a highly competent mechanical staff to keep them all up and running. As a Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice in the Air National Guard, you'll become highly trained at vehicle maintenance and repair. If you excelled in high school auto mechanics and industrial arts, you may be well suited to be a Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice.

Fire Protection Apprentice: Defense against the threat of fire is essential to every Air National Guard operation. As a Fire Protection Apprentice, you are part of a team that saves lives and property from the threat of fire. If you excelled in high school math, science and chemistry, you may be well suited to be a Fire Protection Apprentice.

Satellite and Wideband Communications Apprentice: Every day of the year the Air National Guard relies on accurate and reliable communications to carry out its missions. As a Satellite and Wideband Communications Equipment Apprentice in the Air National Guard, you will learn to facilitate communications ranging from administrative messages to information controlling ground and airborne fighting forces. If you excelled in high school algebra, geometry, physics and trigonometry, you may be well suited to be a Satellite and Wideband Communications Apprentice.

Security Apprentice: The security of Air National Guard bases is of paramount importance to our nation's security as well as the success of the Air National Guard's mission. As a Security Apprentice, you will learn the techniques and skills that it takes to keep an Air National Guard base safe and free of security breaches. If you excelled in high school behavioral sciences and government classes, you may be well suited to be a Security Apprentice.

Weather Apprentice: You've heard weather reports on the radio and seen weather forecasts on TV. These reports are based on the

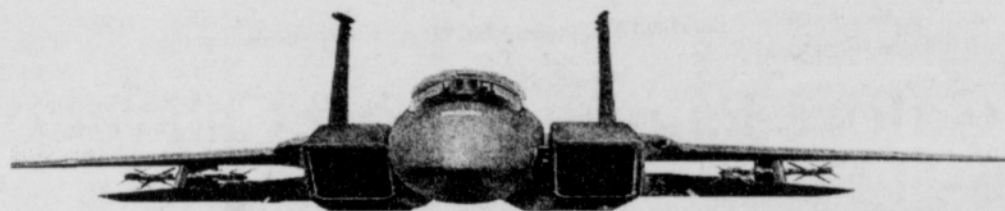
observations and forecasts of weather observers and specialists. Starting your career as a Weather Apprentice in the Air National Guard will teach you the skills of the meteorology trade. If you excelled in geometry, physics, chemistry, Earth sciences and math in high school, you may be well suited to be a Weather Apprentice. **Munitions Systems Apprentice:** Our military's bombing capability is crucial to the maintenance and

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