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Seniors in Montana high schools who want to fly will be able to get scholarship grants at the University of Montana if they qualify for a new Air Force flying program, reports Lt. Col. Harwood F. Means, professor of aerospace studies.

Col. Means said the grant would provide payment of full tuition, incidental fees and an allowance for textbooks. While on grant status, each cadet will also receive an allowance of $50 per month during the academic year.

The grants will be made to first-year students in the four-year Air Force ROTC program and will be awarded to a limited number of highly qualified young men.

Applicants must be able to meet rigid academic and physical standards required for commissioning as Air Force flying officers and agree to enter a flying officer program upon commissioning.

Prerequisites for eligibility include class standing in the upper 10 percent of the graduating high school class or achievement of scores of at least 600 on mathematics and 550 on the verbal portions of the Scholastic Aptitude test of the CEEB examination.

The applying high school senior also must be accepted for enrollment at one of more than 140 universities, such as the University of Montana, hosting Air Force ROTC's four year program.

Interested students should consult their high school counselors or principals or write to Prof. Means at the University in Missoula.