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**NAVY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC)
STRATEGIC SEALIFT MIDSHIPMAN PROGRAM (SSMP) APPLICATION**

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PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To establish official records pertaining to training and service requirements for the purposes of evaluation for fitness for commissioned service.

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To the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Transportation (DoT) in the performance of their official duties relating to the recruitment of Strategic Sealift Officer personnel, to the Veterans Administration and Selective Service Administration in the performance of their official duties related to enlistment and reenlistment eligibility and related benefits, and to other departments and agencies of the Executive Branch of government in the performance of their official duties related to the management of quality military recruitment as published in the Federal Register.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure is voluntary. However, without this information your entry into the US Navy Reserve may not be accomplished due to our inability to process your application for the SSMP program. A SSN is necessary to make positive identification of the individual and to permit this service agreement to become part of the official service record.

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<https://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570310/n01070-3/>.

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Introduction:

The Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program (SSMP) is an education and training program conducted by the Departments of Naval Science at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) and six state maritime academies (SMAs). The program is designed to qualify participants for commissioned service upon graduation. Midshipmen who successfully complete the SSMP will be commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve (USNR) as a Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO). Commissioned SSOs are part of the Strategic Sealift Readiness Force (SSRF), which is part of the Navy's Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) component. Program administration, eligibility, participation requirements, and training are directed by Naval Service Training Command's Officer Development (NSTC N9).

Application Instructions:

This application requires considerable thought and detail. Use the checklist below to gather and prepare the requested information. If you have additional questions, please contact the Maritime Academy NROTC/DNS (Department of Naval Science) unit Commanding Officer (CO), or Officer in Charge (OIC) at the school for which you are applying. Please have the unit review your application before you make final submission.

Minimum Requirements to Participate with the Unit:

- Complete Part 1 and 2 of this application, and submit to the NROTC/DNS unit.
- Complete a sports physical. This can be performed at any regular medical clinic.
- Attend a Maritime Academy in a U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) unlimited deck or engine license track major and program.

Minimum Requirements to Commission as a SSO:

In order to receive a commission through the USNR SSMP, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements as set forth NSTC M-1533.2 Series Regulations for Officer Development (ROD):

- Be a U.S. citizen (born in the U.S.A., naturalized, or born abroad of U.S. parents).
- Be between the ages of 17 and 42 years on 31 December of the year you expect to graduate
- Have been accepted by, and been enrolled as a full-time student, at a State Maritime Academy;
- Actively pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree program that leads to a USCG deck or engine license;
- Have completed a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) physical examination, and have either (a), been found physically qualified to participate in the SSMP, or (b) secured a waiver from the Navy for any disqualifying physical condition;
- Complete a Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) with a score of "Good-Low" in each category of the Physical Readiness Test and a "Passing" score on the Body Composition Assessment, based on criteria set forth in OPNAVINST 6110.1 series Physical Readiness Program.
- Qualify as a Navy Third Class Swimmer, based on the criteria set forth in NAVPERS 15560 series Naval Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN);
- Have no condition that would disqualify you from military service as an officer, or as an enlisted member;
- Have no moral objections or personal convictions that will prevent you from obligating yourself to bear arms and support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and agree to take an oath obligating yourself to perform such acts;
- Complete the following courses of instruction, and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and semester GPA (USMMA: 2.0):
 - Introduction to Naval Science
 - Introduction to the Strategic Sealift Officer Program
 - Ethics and Leadership
 - Naval Science Laboratory
- Pass a background check and receive a security clearance (SF-86 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY POSITIONS).

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Application Deadline:

Applications for the SSMP may be submitted at any point prior to the student's arrival to the Maritime Academy for the 4/C year. Applications are generally completed and submitted to the Unit no later than August 1 of the academic year of enrollment. Current SMA students can apply at any time, but no later than the start of classes of the 2/C year, and each application will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants are encouraged to begin the process as soon as practicable.

Citizenship

You must be a US citizen, or be in the process of obtaining you citizenship, to apply for this program. You will need to provide a birth certificate, and/or proof of naturalization to your local recruiter. If you hold dual citizenship, you must be prepared to renounce your non-U.S. citizenship.

A passport is not required to apply for and join the SSMP. A passport will be required once you commission as a SSO.

Application Process:

The Application process for joining the SSMP and enlisting in the Navy (by signing a DD Form 4 ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT DOCUMENT ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES), is comprised of the actions listed below. Consideration for selection will only occur when all listed actions have been completed by the applicant:

- Complete this application, and submit upon acceptance to the SMA of your choice. The unit will review the application, and the applicant will be notified to complete medical requirements.
- Complete all medical requirements.
 - All Service Members in the Department of Defense (DOD) are required to comply with applicable medical readiness requirements. One such requirement is that upon arrival at Initial Entry Training, all Service members must receive, if not already inoculated, immunizations required by the Joint Regulation for Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and other applicable DoD guidance. These vaccinations include but are not limited to COVID-19, Meningococcal, Measles/Mumps/Rubella, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, and varicella. Applicants for military service and Service members may seek an exemption from vaccination requirements based on a qualifying medical or religious basis from the military service concerned. Should an exemption be denied the member will be required to comply with applicable medical readiness requirements.
- Complete an introductory Navy Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). Be prepared to meet and exceed the Navy physical fitness standards (Good Low for your age)
- Be notified of acceptance by the unit, and attend the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps/Departments of Naval Science (NROTC/DNS) New Student Orientation (NSO) or Pre-Fall training.
- All candidates will be evaluated and ranked by the NROTC/DNS Staff based on completion of the above referenced requirements based on their academic record, physical fitness abilities, and performance at NSO. Acceptance to the SSMP will be offered on an as-available basis to the most qualified candidates.
- Candidates will be notified of their selection for the SSMP by the NROTC Staff. Selection to the SSMP DOES NOT guarantee a Midshipman will receive Student Incentive Payment (SIP). SIP will be available on a merit basis according to the number of approved SIP quotas from the Maritime Administration (MARAD). The SMA is the approving authority for selecting which Midshipmen receive SIP. The SIP selection process will be conducted in accordance with the school's policy to award SIP to Strategic Sealift Midshipmen. To apply for SIP, you must be at least 17 years of age, and not have passed your 25th birthday on the day of enrollment at the SMA.

Military Service:

If you are currently enlisted, you will need to be conditionally released (DD Form 368 REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASE) from current contract no later than the start of your 1/C year to pursue a commission as an SSO.

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SSMP APPLICATION - PART 1

SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)

SSN Date of Birth Sex E-mail Address Cell Number

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_____ State of Legal Residence Home Number

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_____ US citizen after enrollment

_____ Yes, alien upon enrollment

Ethnic Code: You may select as many of the ethnic categories that you feel apply to you. This data is used solely for statistical purposes and will not be considered in selection decisions.

Indicate in the space below ethnic codes that apply to you.

(1) Other Hispanic Descent	(6) Mexican	(G) Chinese	(S) Latin American with Hispanic Descent
(2) U.S./Canadian Indian Tribes	(7) Eskimo	(H) Guamanian	(V) Vietnamese
(3) Other Asian Descent	(8) Aleut	(J) Japanese	(W) Micronesian
(4) Puerto Rican	(9) Cuban	(K) Korean	(X) Other
(5) Filipino	(D) Indian/Pakistani	(L) Polynesian	(Y) None
	(E) Melanesian	(Q) Other Pacific Island Descent	

Citizenship

Place of Birth (City, State) Status (OPTIONS) Origin (Options) Country of Origin

Race: You may select as many of the racial categories that you feel apply to you. This data is used solely for statistical purposes, and will not be considered in selection decisions.

Race

(A) American Indian/Native Alaskan	(D) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
(B) Asian	(E) White
(C) Black/African American	(F) Decline to Respond

Home of Record

Street Address City State Zip Code Country

Mailing Address (If different from Home of Record)

Street Address City State Zip Code Country

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SECTION II: PROGRAM INFORMATION

Date reported/enrolled at the school
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Estimated Year of Graduation

Have you ever been a Cadet/Midshipman at any of the U.S. Service Academies, ROTC or SSMP Program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, which school/program(s): _____

Initial Physical Exams

Have you completed a sports physical exam?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you completed the USCG Physical Exam (CG-719K)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you completed a Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DoDMERB)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what date was it completed: _____

SECTION III: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Tuition Type: ☐ In State ☐ Out of State

Have you completed the SAT/ACT? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Major: _____

Composite Score: _____

USCG License Track:

Math: _____

☐ Deck ☐ Engine ☐ Dual License

Verbal: _____

SECTION IV: HISTORY INFORMATION

Did you participate in High School JROTC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a High School diploma? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an Eagle Scout/Gold Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

High School ☐ Top 20% ☐ Below 80%

Graduation ☐ Top 40% ☐ N/A

Percentile: ☐ Top 60%

High School ☐ N/A (GED)

Type: ☐ Private:

Grad class greater than 100

☐ Private:

Grad class less than 100

☐ Public:

Grad class greater than 100

☐ Public:

Grad class less than 100

Number of dependents under your care? ☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2+

What is your marital status?

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Divorced

Your home town demographic type:

☐ Rural:

Farming/Country

☐ Suburb:

City size less than 100,000

☐ Urban:

City size greater than 500,000

Are you a child of a career military member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION V: LANGUAGES

Are you proficient in a Foreign Language?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what language(s): _____

**Rate yourself below on
listening, speaking and reading:
1 = beginner, 10 = excellent**

Where did you learn? ☐ Home ☐ School Other ☐ _____

What is your estimated proficiency level? _____

Listening: _____

Speaking: _____

Reading: _____

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SECTION VI: PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

What is your swimming proficiency?

Rate yourself:

1 = beginner; 10 = excellent

You must be able to pass a Navy 3rd Class swim qualification to commission.

What is your approximate height and weight?

Height (FT-IN): _____ Weight (lbs.): _____

List your most recent physical fitness info:

1.5-mile run time? _____

Max pushups in 2 Min? _____

Max sit-ups in 2 Min? _____

SSMP APPLICATION PART 2 – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Additional Questions. Please provide additional information for any questions where you selected “yes”.

Please list any USCG endorsements:

Year **Endorsement**

Year	Endorsement

Have you ever been placed on probation or expelled from any college, civilian preparatory school, or high school?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you attended a Military Academy Preparatory School?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you currently in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you ever served in the military?

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ IRR

Are you currently in the Reserves (IRR/SELRES) or a National Guard organization?

☐ SELRES

☐ National Guard

Have you ever been rejected for any reason for service in any branch of the military, ROTC or SSMP?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have either or both of your parents served in the military?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Are any family graduates or participants in Service Academies, ROTC or SSMP?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Any family members graduates from a Maritime Academy?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you ever been arrested, convicted, or fined for law violations? These include traffic violations

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you ever completed volunteer services during high school or college?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you participated in extracurricular activities such as: competitive sports, school publications or organizations, awards and honors, etc.?

☐ YES ☐ NO

REMARKS SECTION

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FOR INTERNAL TRACKING AT THE UNIT – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

APPLICANT NAME:

SSMP APPLICANT

- ***Minimum documents to participate – OPMIS***

Code: RA

- ☐ SSMP Application – PARTS 1 & 2
- ☐ Sports Physical (or) USCG Physical (CG-719K)
- ☐ Interview with NROTC/DNS Staff

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- ***Minimum documents required to sign a DD Form 4 and the SSMP Training and Service Agreement***

- ☐ SSMP Application – PARTS 1 - 3
- ☐ SAT or ACT Scores
- ☐ High School or College Transcript(s)
- ☐ Completed DoDMERB
- ☐ Military Discharge Papers (DD-214) (or) N/A
- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Copy of Immunization Records

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**REQUEST FOR MIDSHIPMAN AND ENLISTED STATUS
IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE**

FROM: _____
 LAST NAME **FIRST NAME** **M.I.** **DATE**

TO: Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge of NROTC/DNS Unit

REF: (a) Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-453, Sec 1304 (g) (2))

1. Per reference (a), I hereby apply for appointment as Midshipman and enlisted status in the United States Navy Reserve in order to participate in the Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program/United States Navy Reserve (SSMP/USNR).

2. I understand that, upon being found physically qualified by a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DODMERB) medical examination, I must execute an Appointment/Enlistment and Training and Service Agreement and apply for and accept, if offered, a commission in the Reserve of the United States Navy upon successful completion of the requirements for commissioning.

Signature

PARENTAL CONSENT (IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

I, _____ ,
 LAST NAME **FIRST NAME** **M.I.**
the parent/ legal guardian of:

 LAST NAME **FIRST NAME** **M.I.**
born on _____ whose signature on the foregoing service agreement meets my/our approval,
 DATE

do hereby consent to his/her application for and, if accepted, his/her appointment as a Midshipman, United States Navy Reserve, and I/we hereby give him/her my/our permission to serve in the Merchant Marine Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, unless discharged sooner.

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature