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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

M F

( )

Alien

State of Legal Residence

Home Number

Not an alien / US citizen

( )

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	(2) U.S./Canadian Indian Tribes	(3) Other Asian Descent	(4) Puerto Rican	(5) Filipino	(6) Mexican	(7) Eskimo	(8) Aleut	(9) Cuban	(D) Indian/Pakistani	(E) Melanesian	(G) Chinese	(H) Guamanian	(J) Japanese	(K) Korean	(L) Polynesian	(Q) Other Pacific Island Descent	(S) Latin American with Hispanic Descent	(V) Vietnamese	(W) Micronesian	(X) Other	(Y) None
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**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 Graduation Percentile:  Top 20%  Below 80%  
 Top 40%  N/A  
 Top 60%  
High School Type:  N/A (GED) What is your marital status?  Single  
 Private:  Married  
 Public:  Divorced  
Grad class greater than 100  
 Private: City size less than 100,000  
 Public: City size greater than 500,000  
Grad class less than 100  
 Public: City size greater than 500,000  
Grad class less than 100

Your home town demographic type:  Rural: Farming/Country  
 Suburb: City size less than 100,000  
 Urban: City size greater than 500,000

Number of dependents under your care? 0 1 2+ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn? Home School Other

What is your estimated proficiency level? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Listening: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION VI: PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

What is your swimming proficiency? \_\_\_\_\_ List your most recent physical fitness info:  
Rate yourself: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.5-mile run time? \_\_\_\_\_  
1 = beginner; 10 = excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
*You must be able to pass a Navy 3<sup>rd</sup> Class swim qualification* Max pushups in 2 Min? \_\_\_\_\_  
*to commission.* \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your approximate height and weight? Max sit-ups in 2 Min? \_\_\_\_\_  
Height (FT-IN): \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (lbs.): \_\_\_\_\_

**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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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
	<input type="checkbox"/> IRR	
Are you currently in the Reserves (IRR/SELRES) or a National Guard organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> SELRES	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

**SSMP CONTRACTED**

- *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**

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**SSMP APPLICATION - PART 3**

**SSMP HONOR CODE**

*Reference: NSTC Regulation for Officer Development (NSTC M-1533.2 Series)*

Our nation's Naval service, made up of the Navy and Marine Corps, has successfully met every challenge. Between 13 October and 10 November 1775, the Continental Congress authorized a few small warships and two battalions of Marines. Just after New Year's Day in 1776, five companies of Marines embarked aboard these new warships of the Continental Navy in Philadelphia and set sail. Eight weeks later and only 5 months after authorization by the Congress, 230 Marines and 50 Sailors assaulted across the beach in the Bahamas to capture gunpowder and weapons from a British fort. US Sailors and Marines had landed for the first time in history, and the situation was well in hand. From those early days of naval expeditionary service, our bedrock principles have remained constant. Our core values of honor, courage, and commitment remain the distinguishing characteristics of the Naval Service.

**Honor:** "I will bear true faith and allegiance..." I will conduct myself in the highest ethical manner in all that I do. I will abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, taking full responsibility for my actions and my word. I am accountable for my behavior, both professional and personal, and remain ever mindful of the privilege I have to serve my fellow Americans.

**Courage:** "I will support and defend..." I will demonstrate the courage to meet the demands of naval service; to do what is right at all times, especially in the face of temptation or adversity. I will make decisions in the best interest of the nation without regard for personal consequence. I will adhere to the highest standard of personal conduct and decency. My moral courage will give me the strength to always do what is right.

**Commitment:** "I will well and faithfully discharge..." I will demonstrate respect up and down the chain of command while caring for the professional and personal well-being of each of our people. I will treat everyone with human dignity and respect. I will work as part of the Navy-Marine Corps Team to accomplish each mission assigned and to ensure the future of our nation.

A midshipman is person of integrity and stands for that which is right. I tell the truth and ensure that the full truth is known. I do not lie. I embrace fairness in all actions. I ensure that work submitted as my own is my own, and that assistance received from any source is authorized and properly documented. I do not cheat. I respect the property of others and ensure that others are able to benefit from the use of their own property. I do not steal.

I acknowledge and understand that I am now bound to an Honor Code. I understand my application for enlistment or commissioning may be terminated if I lie, cheat, steal or otherwise behave in a way to bring discredit to the Naval Service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student/Midshipman**  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**FITNESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – SPORTS**

**Reference: Regulation for Officer Development (NSTC M-1533.2)**

I affirm that I am fully responsible for my performance with regards to the semi-annual Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). If I am placed on the Fitness Enhancement Program (FEP) and elect to participate in a school sanctioned sport, I accept responsibility for ensuring I complete workouts equivalent to that which I would have received with FEP. I will coordinate, prior to participation in a sport, specifically which FEP workouts will be missed and how they will be replaced by practices in the proposed sport. This coordination shall occur with the athletic coach, the Midshipman PFA representative, and the NROTC/DNS Command Fitness Leader (CFL). If I am unable to pass the PFA, I understand that I could be subject to a Performance Review Board (PRB) which could result in a warning, probation, or Leave of Absence (LOA) from the SSMP, or ultimately, disenrollment from the SSMP in accordance with the Regulations for Officer Development (NSTC M-1533.2 Series).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student/Midshipman  
Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE**

**Reference: NAVADMIN 066/17 SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT**

I have been counseled on NAVADMIN 066/17 Social Media Conduct.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand NAVADMIN 066/17 Social Media Conduct. I acknowledge and understand that my online presence/persona is an extension of my uniformed presence. I must never contribute to any online effort to discredit the Navy, adversely affect good order and discipline, weaken the Navy team, or violate operational security. I acknowledge it is my duty to report or correct such instances when I see them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student/Midshipman  
Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**NAVAL SCIENCE LABORATORY (DRILL)**

**Reference: NSTC Regulation for Officer Development (NSTC M-1533.2)**

Naval Science Laboratory (Drill) is required for all Strategic Sealift Midshipmen. I understand and acknowledge that I am required to register each semester. Extracurricular activities are not an excuse for missing drill sessions. Class schedules shall be arranged to accommodate drill sessions. If there is a conflict, drill takes precedence unless no other academic accommodation can be made. This must be approved by the Midshipman's advisor and academic advisor. Failing to register on time is NOT an excuse.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student/Midshipman  
Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**ELECTIVE SURGERY GUIDANCE**

*Reference: NSTC Regulation for Officer Development (NSTC M-1533.2)*

I acknowledge that I have been advised and understand that elective surgery or remedial treatment for pre-existing conditions is not authorized without prior approval from the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). I understand that I may be disqualified for military service due to the result of elective surgery.

Student/Midshipman  
Signature

Date

**CERTIFYING OFFICIAL AND WITNESS**

**I certify the above individual signed this certificate in my presence**

Typed/Printed Name of Unit Certifying Official  
(Last, First, MI)

Signature of Unit Certifying Official

Date Signed