



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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HQ News and Info for Cadets and Families

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Sea Cadet Scholarships

A separate announcement was sent out with the National Sea Cadet Scholarships. Over 30 awards worth over \$150,000 dollars are available. Cadets must read carefully through the application process and ensure they meet all requirements before starting their applications. Scholarships are available for vocational school and college-bound cadets. Please see attached.

College Scholarship applications are open 06 MAR 24 - 07 APR 24

Vocational Scholarship applications are open 06 MAR 24 - 30 JUN 24

Navy League Scholarships

Click this [link](#) to open new scholarship opportunities from The Navy League of the United States. There are 11 scholarships available.

American Brother Foundation Scholarships

American Brother Foundation Scholarship Program has four \$1,000 dollar scholarships available. Click [here](#) on the website for more information. This organization was built to serve families of veterans and active-duty service members. You may apply for one of these scholarships if you are a cadet with a veteran or active-duty parent. The deadline for applications is Monday, 25 MAR 24.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Educational Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society serves active-duty and retired families only. They offer scholarships and interest-free educational loans. The applications opened Friday, 01 MAR 24 and will close Wednesday, 15 MAY 24. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply click [here](#).

WEBINARS

Chief Petty Officer Advancement Selection Board Process (Current PO1 cadets and families)

Petty officer first class Sea Cadets will start a new national process to advance to Sea Cadet chief petty officer. This change will take effect on Monday, 01 APR 24. A webinar will be held for all PO1 Sea Cadets to inform them of the new process and expectations.

The Sea Cadet Training Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting; click [here](#).

Time: 26 MAR 24, 8:00 PM Eastern Time/5:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 845 8511 5190 Passcode: 649790

New Cadet Family Orientation Webinar

Join us for a new family webinar to learn what to expect in the Sea Cadet program and at your home units.

Webinar link [here](#).

Topic: New Family Orientation

Sunday, 14 APR 24, 7:00 PM Eastern Time/4:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 815 8803 5209 Passcode: 21970

New Cadet Family Summer Training Preparation Webinar

Join us as we walk new families through best practices for getting ready for their first summer training experience.

Topic: New Family Summer Training Preparation

Time: 05 May 24, 8:00 PM Eastern Time/5:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Webinar link [here](#).

Meeting ID: 818 9219 6769

Passcode: 505448

SUMMER TRAINING INFORMATION

***NEW* IEP Application Information**

Application information is now available for our Sea Cadet Summer International Exchange Program. The countries participating in the 2024 summer exchanges are South Korea, Canada, Japan, and the United States. Details regarding exchange dates, application dates, procedures, and more are available in the attached summary document.

UPDATE - National Flight Academy and Space Camp

Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, we will not be able to fund tuition to the National Flight Academy or Space Camp this summer. We hope to resume offering these opportunities next summer. If a cadet is still able to attend and would like advanced training (AT) credit, please have them reach out to their chain of command.

Best practice for summer training sign-up: Please be cautious about requesting multiple trainings for your cadet that have overlapping dates or do not leave enough time for cadets to rest in between trainings. We understand the motive for cadets to sign up for multiple trainings to ensure they get into their desired training location; however, this creates heavy burdens on our volunteers at the unit and the training locations.

The **2024 Summer Training Guidance** was sent to the field on 02 FEB 24 and made available at [Homeport>Advancement Training>Training Guidance](#). This is also available on the Quarterdeck under the News & Info button. All cadets, parents, and volunteers should read it carefully to plan and prepare for a successful training season.

Staff Cadet Application Process - If you are a PO1 looking for a RT/NLO staff cadet position with a leadership role (to meet the CPO qualification), you will need to let your chain of command know. This note will need to be in their approval process. Some trainings may have a separate process for these roles, so read the details of each training carefully. Leadership roles are limited at each training.

Special Training Highlight - Surface Warfare Officer Training

Cadets interested in commissioning as surface warfare officers (SWO) should consider applying for training code OX-RI-2401! The training will utilize ship simulators at Surface Warfare Schools Command (SWSC) to expose cadets interested in a naval career in ship handling, open ocean navigation, naval operations, and more. This is a unique opportunity for senior cadets to work alongside and learn from active-duty surface warfare officers. Cadets must meet minimum age requirements as well as fill out the training application online to be considered for this limited-space training. Training confirmation will take place after Monday, 01 APR 24.

Federal Service Academies

Service academy summer events are now open for applications. For more information, please see the summary document on your Quarterdeck's News and Info button.

- US Coast Guard Academy - **Applications open until Monday 01 APR 24**
- US Naval Academy - **Applications open until Monday 15 APR 24**

Sea Cadet Family Handbook

Summer trainings are rolling out and you may already be applying as a family. Whether you are a new cadet or a senior cadet, this handbook is for everyone working on becoming the best cadet possible with the help of your family, your shipmates, and your unit. Inside these pages are the expectations of a cadet at the home unit as well as the expectations before and during trainings. Get engaged and prepared for Summer 2024!

Find the Family Handbook at [Homeport>Advancement Training>Family Handbook](#).

KEY POINTS

3 for Free

When a cadet recruits three cadets or a combination of 3 cadets/volunteers into the Sea Cadets who then remain in the program for a minimum of 90 days, that cadet is eligible to receive the 3 for Free training credit. This credit allows a cadet to attend a training for free. The dollar value of these credits is capped at the cost of a standard two-week training, which is currently \$350 dollars. Remind your chain of command that you want to utilize this credit when applying for training.

CADET ACTIVITIES

Celebrate National Volunteer Week

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. As you know, Sea Cadet units are 100% operated by adult volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to helping our cadets become the best version of themselves. Cadets and parents, this is a great opportunity to thank the volunteers who run your home unit!

SEA AIR SPACE STEM EXPO

Sunday, 07 APR 2024, 12 noon - 4pm EST.

Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

The Navy League of the United States is hosting its annual STEM Expo on Sunday, 07 APR 2024. Middle and high school 5th to 12th graders looking to get involved in STEM are invited to register for this one-day event. The event is free but registration is required. Use this [link](#) to register.

Art and Essay Contests

Please visit the Quarterdeck News and Info section for details on the U.S. Coast Guard Art contest (entries due Friday, 03 MAY 2024) and the Naval Horizons Essay contest (entries due Friday, 10 JUN 2024) or click this [link](#).

VANGUARD CORNER

Parents, if you are ordering items from [Vanguard Industries](#), we encourage you to work with your home unit to order items for your cadet's needs. (Sea Cadet units typically have a wholesale account and can receive wholesale pricing.) Tips and tricks for ordering items:

- Summer training items should be ordered by early May to ensure on-time delivery.
- PT shorts are on the Vanguard clearance rack - **get them while you can at only \$8.00 dollars.**
- Parents can order Sea Cadet Spirit Wear on clearance. Take your cadet to drill events or trainings while showing your support for the program!
- Shoeshine and sewing kits are available. Bundle up to save on shipping costs.

DATES TO REMEMBER (Viewable on Quarterdeck, Calendar icon)

Women's History Month

26 MAR	CPO Advancement Selection Board Webinar for unit volunteers and current petty officer first class cadets
31 MAR	Last Day of annual inspection
01 APR	CPO Advancement Selection Board Process Begins USCGA Summer AIM application deadline
03 APR	USCG Art Contest deadline
07 APR	College Scholarship applications close (2400 PDT) Navy League's STEM Expo

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- 14 APR Summer Training Webinar for New Families
- 15 APR USNA Summer STEM and Summer Seminar application deadline
- 25 APR ABF Scholarship deadline
- 05 MAR New Family Summer Training Prep Webinar
- 21-27 APR National Volunteer Week