

Attention cadets! Cadet applications are now being accepted for Australia!

The International Exchange Program (IEP) has just been given the green light for the 2024 Australian Exchange.

Dates for the exchange are **Wednesday**, **10 April 2024**, **through Saturday**, **27 April 2024**. A training fee of **\$350** is required for this exchange. The three for Free program cannot be used.

The exchange program is scheduled to take place in Sydney and southern New South Wales. Exchange cadets will participate with Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) in maritime activities and various adventurous, cultural, historical, and recreational activities. Cadets will attend part of the ANC annual Fleet Engagement Camp (FEC), being immersed in elements of the Royal Australian Navy whilst being accommodated together with ANC on Cockatoo Island to build on the ISCA experience in engaging directly with the Australian Navy Cadets.

The NSCC is invited to send 4 cadets (male or female). Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years old by 10 April 2024
- Must not turn 18 years old before the end of training, 27 April 2024
- Must have a current US passport valid through 1 November 2024 at time of application (passport cards, receipts for renewals, copies of passport application, etc., will not be accepted)
- Must be PO3 or above
- Must not have previously participated in this exchange
- Recommended by Unit Commanding Officer
- Be in good physical condition

Cadets, if you are interested and eligible, you should apply now. All applications will be completed online. NOTE: THIS IS A SHORT FUSE!

Deadline for application submission is <u>15 February 2024.</u>

Documentation required at application submission (in addition to questions):

- Current passport with expiration date after November 1, 2024 (6 months after the dates of travel)
- List of Sea Cadet accomplishments and activities not listed in your Magellan Record Book
- Detailed list of extracurricular activities, including jobs and volunteer work outside of Sea Cadets (including dates involved, responsibilities)

- Official high school transcript that includes the fall semester/trimester (not a report card)
- Full length photo in your dress uniform (not khakis or NWUs) with a plain background and no one else in the photo. Photo should be recent and taken for the express purpose of this application

You will need two adults to give you a recommendation and your Commanding Officer's approval. Personal recommendations can come from any adult who has worked with you in any capacity who can speak unbiasedly about your suitability for this program (e.g., Teacher, coach, mentor, employer, youth minister). The other must be your CO. Neither of these individuals may be related to you to submit a recommendation.

If your CO is a family member, you will need to find another Sea Cadet officer you have worked with who isn't related to you to submit your recommendation. They must know you well enough to rate your personal qualities and performance. Your CO must still complete the online form, regardless of whether they are related to you.

You do not need to get actual letters of recommendation, but you will need to provide your CO and your personal reference with a link, and they must be willing to complete an online form.

Submit your application online only through: https://usnavalseacadet.formstack.com/forms/2024_australia_iep_application_sea_cadet

(This link only applies to the Australia Exchange.)

Send this link to your personal reference and your commanding officer (plus the additional Sea Cadet officer if the CO is a family member):

https://usnavalseacadet.formstack.com/forms/2024_iep_application_cadet_recommendation

Contact us at iep@seacadets.org if you have any questions.