

STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SIP)

Your Future Awaits

The federal government can **financially support your college education**, where you can gain unforgettable experiences and set forth on a unique career path. The Maritime Administration's Student Incentive Program (SIP) does just this by partially funding the education of cadets enrolled at one of the six state maritime academies (SMAs), including:

- California Maritime Academy
- Great Lakes Maritime Academy
- Maine Maritime Academy
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- State University of New York Maritime College
- Texas A&M Maritime Academy



Once you enroll in the Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program (SSMP) at an SMA, you can participate in SIP. This program provides you up to a total of **\$64,000** over four academic years.



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After graduating from the SMA, you'll spend three years working in the maritime industry as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine sailing around the world.

In addition to your day job, you'll spend eight years serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Admission to these academies is like any other undergraduate college or university, with an additional requirement to **pass the U.S. Coast Guard's physical fitness test.** SMAs gear you up with the knowledge and skills to become an officer for the United States, and grant you the opportunity to **travel the world** and spend several days on the water during Sea Year.



Did You Know?

As an officer of the U.S. Merchant Marine, you'll help maintain the economic and national security of the U.S. The ships you operate move cargo worldwide, including into countries for humanitarian efforts, and when the U.S. military needs support!

To learn more about SIP's application and eligibility requirements, scan the QR code below or email the Maritime Administration's Office of Maritime Labor and Training at maritime.graduate@dot.gov.



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