



## **APPOINTMENT ACCEPTANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

You have until May 1, 2026 to accept your appointment, or five days from the date of your appointment letter, whichever is later. To accept your appointment to the Class of 2030:

- ☐ Read, complete, and sign the enclosed Statement of Acceptance and Obligation; all pages must be returned. Ensure an adult witness signs below your name and, if you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign as well.
- ☐ Obtain an original copy of both your Birth Certificate and Social Security card. If you are not a U.S. citizen by birth, obtain copies of documents (e.g. Certificate of Naturalization) establishing your U.S. citizenship by other means. If you do not have these documents available to submit with your acceptance, they can be sent separately but must be received no later than June 1, 2026. These original documents will not be returned to you until Swearing-In Day, so please obtain duplicate copies prior to sending them to the Academy.
- ☐ Using the enclosed envelope, mail your Statement of Acceptance and Obligation and original citizenship documentation to the Admissions Office no later than May 1, 2026. If you choose not to use this envelope, we recommend using certified or other traceable mail.
- ☐ If not submitted with your Statement of Acceptance, mail your original citizenship documentation to the Admissions Office no later than June 1, 2026. We recommend sending your citizenship documentation via certified or other traceable mail.

We reserve the right to rescind your appointment and offer it to a deserving alternate if you do not meet these deadlines. If you need to request an extension to any of these deadlines, please contact the Admissions Office's Processing Section at (860) 701-6753 as soon as possible.

Upon receipt of your acceptance, we will send you complete information about reporting to the Academy on June 29, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact CWO Timothy DeVall, Processing Chief, at [Timothy.J.DeVall@uscga.edu](mailto:Timothy.J.DeVall@uscga.edu) for assistance.

## **DECLINE INSTRUCTIONS**

If you wish to decline your appointment, we request you do so as soon as possible so that we may appoint a deserving alternate. If you do not contact us by May 1, 2026, or five business days from the date of your appointment letter, whichever is later, we reserve the right to rescind your appointment. To decline:

Fill out the enclosed Statement of Decline. We request that you take a few minutes to provide the information requested and ensure the bottom of the form is signed.

- ☐ Using the enclosed envelope, mail your Statement of Decline to the Admissions Office.

**Privacy Act Statement.** *In accordance with Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 552a (e)(3), the following information is provided to you when supplying personal information to the USCG. (1) Authority which authorizes the solicitation of the information: Title 14, U.S. Code, Section 1922; (2) The Principal Purpose for this information is to ensure that the applicant is basically qualified to apply for the USCGA; (3) Routine uses which may be made of the information: As background information on applicants for the selection process, to contact the applicant, the SSN as a basic identifier, to determine whether there are existing USCG records on the individual, in the performance of the duties of officials and employees of the USCGA, in managing and contributing to the admissions program and appointment of Cadets; (4) Disclosure of the information is voluntary, but the applicant will not be considered further if the information is not provided.*

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION**

1. The following Statement of Acceptance and Obligation consists of six (6) pages.
2. Please make a copy for your records. All pages of the original must be returned to the Academy.
3. To complete the Statement:
  - a. Carefully read the entire document before signing.
  - b. Print today's date.
  - c. Print your Social Security Number.
  - d. Sign your full legal name.
  - e. Print your full legal name.
  - f. Have an adult witness sign his/her full legal name (a witness may be anyone over 18 years of age).
  - g. Have the adult witness print his/her full legal name.
  - h. If you are younger than 18 years of age, you must have a parent (or legal guardian) sign and print his/her name and print today's date.
4. Return the entire document (pages 1-6) to the Academy in one of the envelopes provided after making a copy for your records.

### **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION**

#### **I. Acknowledgment of Military and Law Enforcement Missions:**

I understand that under the authority of Title 14, U.S. Code, Section 102, the United States Coast Guard enforces all applicable federal laws on, under, and over the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. As a member of the Coast Guard, I understand that I may be called upon to bear and use arms in the fulfillment of these law enforcement duties. I further understand that the Coast Guard is an armed force and that as a member of the Coast Guard, I am obligated to engage in combat activities when ordered to do so.

#### **II. Requirement to Notify:**

I understand that I am required to notify the Coast Guard Academy Admissions Office if any of the following occur before I report to the Academy:

- (1) I am detained, arrested, indicted, or convicted of a civil, criminal, or military offense;
- (2) I have been summoned into court for any reason except as a witness or for jury duty;
- (3) I have been required to participate in a state or federal diversion or probation program; or
- (4) There has been a change in my medical status that may affect my eligibility for admission to the Academy.

A list of medical conditions which disqualify me from accession into the military can be found in [DoD Instruction 6130.03](#), Volume 1, Medical Standards for Military Service: Appointment, Enlistment, or Induction

I further understand that failure to comply with this paragraph may be grounds for refused admission, adverse administrative action and/or disenrollment from the Coast Guard Academy or criminal action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

### **III. Academic Major:**

I understand that I have been tendered an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy in the specific academic major or program of study indicated on my application and an advisor will be assigned to me from that academic school.

### **IV. Medical Examination:**

I understand that if my medical status has changed since my DoDMERB examination and I am found medically disqualified prior to reporting to the Academy, or if I conceal any disqualifying medical condition, my appointment may be rescinded. I also understand that I will receive a complete medical and dental examination, normally within the first two weeks of reporting to the Coast Guard Academy. This medical and dental examination is in addition to the DoDMERB examination required for admission into the Academy. If I am found medically disqualified, I understand that I will be recommended for disenrollment and I may be discharged from the service.

### **V. Height and Weight Standards:**

I understand that I must conform to Coast Guard accession height and weight standards for admission and retention while at the Coast Guard Academy. I also must meet Coast Guard active duty standards prior to graduation and commissioning. If I am found out of compliance, I understand that I may be placed on probation or recommended for disenrollment in accordance with the Regulations for the Corps of Cadets.

### **VI. Drug or alcohol use detected during pre-accession testing:**

Under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 978, a cadet must undergo drug and alcohol testing and evaluation for drug and alcohol dependency within 72 hours of admission (that is, taking the required oath). If, after admission, the results of drug testing establish a cadet tested positive for any controlled or prohibited substances as defined by COMDTINST M1000.10 (Military Substance Abuse and Behavioral Addiction Program) that cadet will be immediately discharged by the Superintendent. By accepting your appointment, you acknowledge that the presence of controlled or prohibited substances in your body upon accession is grounds for discharge from the Coast Guard with a General (under Honorable Conditions) characterization of service.

### **VII. Initial Physical Fitness Examination:**

I affirm that I have taken (or will have taken) the three-part Coast Guard Academy Physical Fitness Examination (PFE) prior to reporting to the Coast Guard Academy. Upon reporting, I understand that I will be given a PFE and I must score at least 180 points on this PFE or I may be recommended for disenrollment. I further understand that if I score between 145 and 179 points, I will be placed on probation and may be disenrolled if I fail to score 180 points or more within the period of probation, in accordance with the Regulations for the Corps of Cadets.

## **VIII. Obligations Incurred upon taking the Oath of Acceptance on Swearing-In Day:**

- A. In accordance with Title 14, U.S. Code, Section 1925, I hereby agree:
1. that I will complete the course of instruction at the Coast Guard Academy (which includes, but is not limited to, satisfactorily achieving the required standards of performance in Academics, Conduct, Honor, and Military Performance (aptitude) until the time of appointment as a commissioned officer);
  2. that upon graduation from the Academy, I:
    - a. will accept an appointment, if tendered, as a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard; and
    - b. will serve on active duty for at least five years immediately after such appointment;
  3. that if an appointment as a commissioned officer is not tendered to me upon my completion of the course of study, or if I am permitted to resign as a regular officer before completion of my commissioned service obligation, I:
    - a. will accept an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard Reserve; and
    - b. will remain in that reserve component until completion of my commissioned service obligation.
- B. Furthermore, I understand that the term “commissioned service obligation” referred to in paragraph VIII.A.3. above, means the period beginning on the date of my appointment as a commissioned officer and ending on the eighth anniversary of such appointment. Thus, if I voluntarily resign from active duty at or after the fifth anniversary of my commissioning, but before completing my eighth year of active duty, I understand that I will be assigned to the Coast Guard Reserve until the eighth anniversary of my commissioning.

## **IX. Service Obligation and Recoupment Policy for Fourth Class (freshman) and Third Class (sophomore) Cadets:**

- A. I understand that if I am involuntarily disenrolled from the Coast Guard Academy or if my voluntary resignation is accepted, the following policies are presently applicable:
1. *No Prior Armed Forces Obligation.* A cadet who accepted a cadet appointment without any prior obligation to the Armed Forces of the United States who either resigns or is dismissed will be discharged from active service with no military obligation and will be exempt from recoupment.
  2. *Prior Member of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve.* Cadets who entered the Academy as a member of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve revert to their prior status and complete the remainder of their duty obligation. All time served in a cadet status is counted as service under any preexisting enlistment or service obligation.
  3. *Prior Member of Another Service.* Cadets who entered the Academy from another Armed Force revert to their prior status and transfer to their former branch of Service to complete the remainder of their duty obligation. All time served in a cadet status is counted as service under any preexisting enlistment or service obligation.
- B. I understand that the military service obligation policies stated in Section IX.A., above, are subject to change without advance notice during the course of my attendance at the Coast Guard Academy and if I am involuntarily disenrolled from the Academy or if my voluntary resignation is accepted,

determinations regarding my military service obligation may be made in accordance with such revised policies as are in effect at that time in lieu of those policies in Section IX.A., above.

#### **X. Service Obligation and Recoupment Policy for Second Class (junior) and First Class (senior) Cadets:**

- A. I understand that if I am involuntarily disenrolled from the Coast Guard Academy or if my voluntary resignation is accepted, the following policies are presently applicable:
1. *No Prior Armed Forces Obligation.* First and second class cadets who accepted an appointment without any prior obligation to the U.S. Armed Forces who resign, are disenrolled, or are summarily dismissed will transfer to the Coast Guard Reserve as an enlisted member, for a period of Extended Active Duty (EAD) service equal to their service as a cadet. Generally, this means service as a Boatswain's Mate 3rd class or as non-rated personnel with immediate application to any A-school. Any cadet the Superintendent determines has breached the service obligation agreement and is ineligible for continued military service may be required to reimburse the U.S. Government for the cost of the education following a final determination from Commandant (CG-1).
  2. *Prior Member of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve.* Cadets who entered the Academy as a member of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve revert to their prior status and complete the remainder of their duty obligation. All time served in a cadet status is counted as service under any preexisting enlistment or service obligation. Any cadet the Superintendent determines has breached the service obligation agreement and is ineligible for continued military service may be required to reimburse the U.S. Government for the cost of the education following a final determination from Commandant (CG-1).
  3. *Prior Member of Another Service.* Cadets who entered the Academy from another Armed Force revert to their prior status and transfer to their former branch of Service to complete the remainder of their duty obligation unless denied re-enlistment by that service. All time served in a cadet status is counted as service under any preexisting enlistment or service obligation. Any cadet the Superintendent determines has breached the service obligation agreement and is ineligible for continued military service may be required to reimburse the U.S. Government for the cost of the education following a final determination from Commandant (CG-1).
- B. I understand that the separation, military service obligation, and recoupment policies stated in Section X.A., above, are subject to change without advance notice during the course of my attendance at the Coast Guard Academy and if I am involuntarily disenrolled from the Academy or if my voluntary resignation is accepted, determinations regarding my separation from the Coast Guard, military service obligation, and reimbursement to the U.S. Government may be made in accordance with such revised policies as are in effect at that time in lieu of those policies in Section X.A., above.

#### **XI. Reimbursement Requirement:**

- A. I further agree, as a condition of receiving advanced education benefits, that if I fail to complete my service obligation I may be required to repay the United States the unearned portion of the cost of the education benefits I received through my advanced education at the Coast Guard Academy, commensurate with the time remaining on my active duty or reserve service obligation when discharged. The law and policy which applies to my service obligation and the recoupment of advanced education benefits is contained in this Agreement; Title 14, U.S. Code, Sections 1924-25; Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 2005; Recoupment of Advanced Education Costs in the Event of

Separation Before Completion of Obligated Service, COMDTINST 1560.3; Officer Accessions, Evaluations, and Promotions, COMDTINST M1000.3; Obligated Service or Recoupment From Cadets Disenrolled From the Coast Guard Academy, SUPTINST 5350.3 (series), and other authorities contained therein.

- B. I understand that the current estimated cost of these advanced education benefits is \$61,390.00 per academic year, but that this amount may change. I further understand that the preferred method for recouping the cost of these benefits is through completion of my service obligation.
- C. I understand that if I am disenrolled or voluntarily resign from the Coast Guard Academy after I sign this Agreement, I will be subject to recoupment of advanced education benefits if I am ineligible or unable to complete the service obligation contained in Sections VII, VIII and IX of this Agreement.
- D. When I graduate from the Coast Guard Academy and am commissioned as an officer, I will have fulfilled the obligations which apply to my status as a cadet. At that point, I will be subject to recoupment of the education benefits I received through my advanced education at the Coast Guard Academy if I do not complete the service obligation which applies to my status as a commissioned officer. That service obligation is outlined in Section VII of this Agreement; Title 14, U.S. Code, Section 1925(f); and Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 2005.

## **XII. Degree Requirements:**

- A. I understand that I must satisfactorily complete the following requirements in order to graduate from the Coast Guard Academy and receive a degree:
  - 1. Pass or validate every course in the core curriculum.
  - 2. Pass at least 37 courses of 3.00 credits or greater.
  - 3. Complete the academic requirements for one of the majors as specified in the official Catalog of Courses.
  - 4. Attain an average of at least a 2.00 in all required upper division courses in the major, as specified in the official Catalog of Courses. This average includes Fs earned and the grades earned when courses are retaken. Under normal circumstances, these courses consist of those taken to fulfill major requirements after formal admission to the major.
  - 5. Attain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least a 2.00.
  - 6. Be in residence at the Coast Guard Academy for at least four academic years.
  - 7. Complete successfully all required portions of the physical education program including meeting minimum swimming and physical fitness standards.
  - 8. Meet all military performance and commissioning standards, demonstrating all aspects of personal and professional development necessary to serve as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard, unless a commission will not be offered due to a medical disqualification.
- B. I understand that the graduation and degree requirements stated in Section XII.A., above, are subject to change without advanced notice during the course of my attendance at the Coast Guard Academy and that I may be expected to fulfill such revised requirements in lieu of those requirements stated in Section XII.A., above.

If accepting, return the entire document (pages 1-6) to the Academy in one of the envelopes provided after making a copy for your records.

**I hereby ACCEPT my appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy and certify that I have read carefully, do understand thoroughly, and agree without condition to the above STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION. (Signature must be witnessed).**

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Date

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Signature of Cadet Candidate

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Social Security Number

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Print Full Legal Name

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Signature of Witness (Adult)

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Print Full Legal Name of Witness

#### **CONSENT OF PARENT (OR GUARDIAN)**

If the cadet candidate is a minor (younger than 18 years of age), the consent of his/her parent (or legal guardian) is required in order for the above STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION to be valid.

As the cadet candidate's parent or legal guardian, I hereby consent to the candidate's acceptance of an appointment as a cadet, to his/her execution of the above STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION, which I have read and understand, and to his/her entrance into the Coast Guard Academy and service in the Armed Forces as outlined in the above STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATION.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Print Full Legal Name

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Date

# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF DECLINE

The primary reasons for declining my appointment are:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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