

United States Merchant Marine Academy

WELCOME ABOARD

PROSPECTIVE USMMA APPLICANTS

ADMISSIONS VISIT PACKET



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Welcome Letter:

Dear Prospective Midshipmen,

Welcome Aboard!

We're thrilled to have you visit the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). This visit is a chance to step into the world of Kings Point and experience firsthand what makes this Academy unlike any other institution in the country.

At USMMA, we don't just prepare students for a career, we prepare leaders for a lifetime of service, responsibility, and impact. As one of the nation's five federal service academies, the Merchant Marine Academy blends academic rigor, hands-on maritime training, global experience, and a deep commitment to national service.

While you're on campus, you'll meet with faculty, talk with current midshipmen, and get a sense of the pace and purpose that define life here. This packet will help guide your visit with details on what to bring, what to expect, and tips from those who've stood where you are now.

Kings Point is the only federal academy where you'll spend a full year at sea, gaining real-world experience aboard commercial and military vessels while traveling to ports around the globe. That sea year is one of the most transformative parts of the Kings Point experience, demanding, fast-paced, and deeply rewarding.

By graduation, you'll earn a Bachelor of Science, an unlimited tonnage U.S. Coast Guard license as either a Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer, and a commission into any of the U.S. Armed Forces. That unique combination opens doors, whether you choose to sail, serve on active duty, or lead in the maritime industry.

We encourage you to ask questions, connect with midshipmen, and imagine yourself as part of this mission. Kings Point is a place for those ready to lead with purpose from day one.

Thank you for your interest in the Academy. We hope your visit inspires you and gives you a clear picture of the challenge, opportunity, and community that await you here.

Acta Non Verba — *Deeds, not words*. This isn't just our motto; it's a standard we live by.

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Mission:

To educate and graduate leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.



1. Courtesy of Military Sealift Command

Core Values:

HONOR - RESPECT - SERVICE

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What to Expect:

The United States Merchant Marine Academy offers three types of visits: Admissions Brief & Tour, Day Visit, and Overnight Visit. Each provides a distinct opportunity to learn more about Academy life – whether through a concise overview or an immersive stay with Midshipmen. These visits allow prospective candidates to observe the Academy’s academic environment, training structure, and commitment to service.

Visit Days:

Day Visits: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (10:30AM – 4:00PM)

Overnight Visits: Tuesdays and Thursdays (10:30AM – 12:00PM the following day)

Briefing Only: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (10:30AM – 11:30AM)

Visit Types:

Admissions Brief & Campus Tour

A half-day experience that includes an admissions presentation and a guided tour of campus. Ideal for initial exposure to the Academy and its programs.

Day Visit

A structured visit where you’ll be paired with a Plebe (first-year Midshipman) for a closer look at daily life. You’ll attend class, tour key facilities, eat lunch in Delano Hall, and speak with Midshipmen about academics, Sea Year, and service commitments.

Overnight Visit

An immersive opportunity to stay in the barracks with a Plebe host and experience 24 hours of Academy life. You’ll observe morning Plebe muster, attend classes, eat meals in Delano Hall, and take part in daily routines. Depending on the schedule, you may also witness regimental activities, athletic practices, or evening study hours – offering a comprehensive look at the structure and expectations of Kings Point.

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Visitation Meal Cost:

Meal costs during your visit will vary depending on the type of visit you select.

- **Day Visit or Lunch-Only Visit:** \$8.00 (includes lunch with the Midshipmen)
- **Overnight Visit:** \$24.00 (includes lunch, dinner, and breakfast the following morning)

Payment can be made by **check** (payable to *Blackstone Consulting Inc.* or *BCI*) or **cash**. Please note that **debit and credit cards are not accepted** at this time.





Sample Day Visit Itinerary:

Visitor Requirements:

1. Must be a high school or college student.
2. Visit is limited to applicant and two immediate family members or legal guardians ONLY.
3. All visitors must have a valid photo I.D. with them.

Agenda:

- **1015:** Arrival to Admissions Building
- **1030:** Admissions brief with Admissions Officer
- **1130:** Walk to Dining Facility
- **1145:** Student hand-off to Midshipman for Lunch
- **1145:** Academy tour continues with parents
- **1150:** Lunch
- **1245:** Parent tour complete
- **1600:** Student visitor returns to Admissions building



2. Courtesy of Midn Stars



Sample Overnight Visit Itinerary:

Visitor Requirements:

1. Must be a high school or college student.
2. Visit is limited to applicant and two immediate family members or legal guardians ONLY.
3. All visitors must have a valid photo I.D. with them.

Agenda:

- 1015: Arrival to Admissions Building
- 1030: Admissions brief with Admissions Officer
- 1130: Walk to Dining Facility
- 1145: Student hand-off to Midshipman for Lunch
- 1145: Academy tour continues with parents
- 1150: Lunch
- 1220: Recruit goes to afternoon classes with Midshipman
- 1245: Parent tour complete
- 1635: Academic Day Ends - Athletic/Club practice commence
- 1730: Dinner
- 2100: OOD/ Lights Out
- 0550: Wake Up
- 0620: Breakfast
- 0710: Morning Colors
- 0730: Academic Day Begins
- 1200: Student visitor returns to Admissions building



Dress Code & Etiquette:

Visitors should wear neat, professional attire appropriate for a military-academic environment.

Recommended Clothing:

- Collared shirt or blouse
- Slacks or khakis
- Closed-toe shoes

Avoid: ripped clothing, gym shorts, crop tops, slides/sandals, or overly casual wear.



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Etiquette Guidelines:

Do your best to arrive on time for all briefings, tours, and scheduled activities — punctuality is an important part of life at Kings Point.

Refrain from using your phone, especially while observing classes or during formal events.

Show respect by listening attentively and participating when appropriate.

Don't be shy — ask questions!

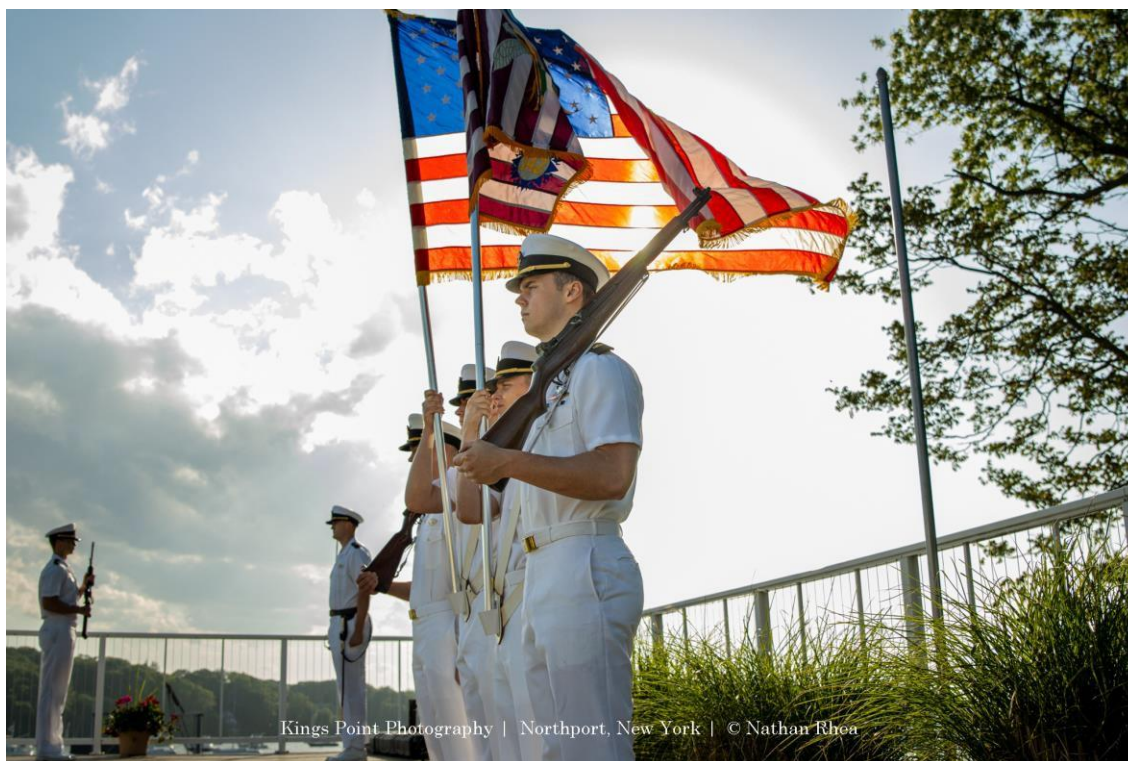
Whether you're curious about academics, sea year, military life, or anything in between — ask away! We're excited to share what makes USMMA special.

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Overnight Packing List:

- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Sleep Wear
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ T-shirt and shorts/sweatpants for any possible activities
- ☐ Toiletries (Toothbrush, Deodorant, etc.)
- ☐ Clothes for Day 2 (Collared shirt or blouse and Slacks or khakis)
- ☐ Optional: Shower Gear (Robe, Towel, Shower Shoes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, etc.)
- ☐ Optional: Water Bottle
- ☐ Optional: Money for NEX (USMMA Merchandise)



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Campus Map & Key Locations:



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| 1. Vickery Gate | 20. North Memorial Arbor | 41. Roger Hall |
| 2. Marvin Place Parking Area | 21. South Memorial Arbor | 42. Cleveland Hall |
| 3. Bowditch Hall | 22. War Memorial | 43. Barney Square |
| 4. Schuyler Otis Bland Library | 23. Memorial Chapel | 44. Delano Hall |
| 5. Fulton Hall | 26. Crowninshield Pier | 45. Topside Dining Room |
| 6. Gibbs Hall | 27. Prosser Boat House | 46. Cleveland Hall Parking Area |
| 7. Berger Hall | 28. Chapel Parking Area | 48. Patten Health Clinic |
| 8. Collins Place Parking Area | 29. Land Hall | 50. Melville Hall |
| 9. Fitch Building/Babson Center | 30. Murphy Hall | 52. Museum |
| 11. Samuels Hall - GMATS | 31. Palmer Hall | 57. Public Works Building |
| 12. CAORF Bridge Simulator | 32. Wiley Hall | 58. Tomb Memorial Field |
| 13. Yocum Sailing Center | 33. Amphitrite Pool | 59. Brooks Stadium |
| 14. U.S. Coast Guard Station | 34. Jones Hall | 60. Upper Roosevelt Field |
| 15. "Salty" O'Hara Landing | 35. Truxton Arcade | 61. Midshipmen Parking Area |
| 16. Mallory Pier | 36. Barry Hall | 62. Lower Roosevelt Field |
| 17. Hague Basin | 37. O'Hara Hall | |
| 19. Eldridge Pool | 38. Furuseth Hall | |

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Midshipman Life Snapshot:

Plebe Year (Fourth Class):

Wake up before dawn for Plebe Muster, and the pace doesn't slowdown from there. You square your corners throughout the day as you navigate demanding STEM classes, regimental obligations, and inspections. You're expected to live by your class rates, maintain your military bearing, and adapt quickly to the high standards of Kings Point. It's challenging, intense, and non-stop – but through it all, you begin to find your footing, your discipline, and your crew.

Third Class Year:

Back on campus with a full academic load, you take on tougher classes like celestial navigation and differential equations, while balancing regimental duties and leadership training. Then, partway through the year, you get your first real taste of life at sea: one trimester aboard ship. You stand watch, learn the ropes, and complete your first sea project – experiencing firsthand what you've been studying.

Second Class Year:

You head back to sea for two full trimesters – this time with greater responsibilities and more challenging sea projects. You put leadership, navigation, and ship operations into action while gaining invaluable hands-on experience. After those two trimesters, you return to campus for your final trimester of academics and regimental leadership duties, preparing to step into a senior role.

First Class Year:

Now you're a senior – a leader of the regiment, mentor to the underclassmen, and prepping for your license exams and future career. The balance is tricky: final classes, regimental duties, service selections, and job interviews all collide. But the finish line is in sight, and every day you carry the weight and pride of being a Kings Pointer. Graduation is more than a ceremony – it's a rite of passage into the maritime profession and beyond.