



Memorandum

U. S. Department
of Transportation

U. S. Merchant
Marine Academy

**Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Administration**

Subj: Foreign Midshipmen Fees A/Y 2026-2027

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To: Dr. Anne Byrd
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In accordance with 46 CFR Section 310.66(g), the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is required to establish the cost of instruction reimbursement rate for foreign midshipmen prior to January 1 of the year in which the academic year (AY) begins. For AY 2026-2027 that begins on July 1, 2026, the Academy proposes to establish the reimbursement rate at \$30,585 for the academic year. No foreign midshipmen are enrolled in AY 2025-2026.

International Fee Proposed	International Fee Effective
Full Year Fee	Per Term in Residence
\$30,585	\$10,195

To conform to the fee practice regarding citizen midshipmen, the Academy will only charge foreign midshipmen a pro-rated amount when in residence. This rate will cover the incremental cost to the government of instruction including allowances. Under current law, foreign midshipmen reimbursements are paid to the Treasury and do not supplement funding provided to the Academy by Congress. The attached appendix sets forth the methodology for the rate calculation.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

Anne Byrd
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12/29/2025
Date

Appendix

AY2026-2027 Foreign Student Reimbursement

General

- Cost of Education is defined as the financial cost incurred by the Federal Government for providing training or financial assistance to students at the Academy, including direct financial assistance, room, board, classroom instruction, and other training activities. (See - 46 CFR Section 310.51(f))
- The Academy defines the cost of instruction as the cost of education.
- The Academy calculates the incremental cost of instruction as follows:
 1. When full-year appropriations have been enacted, the Academy uses the current approved spend plan for the year in which the AY begins as the basis for costs. When appropriations have not been enacted, the Academy uses the President's Request as the basis for costs.
 2. Costs included in the base are instructional and midshipmen program costs except:
 - a. Library costs
 - b. Academic Enhancement costs
 - c. Instructional Technology costs
 - d. Midshipmen Workers' Compensation estimates
 3. Costs excluded from the cost of instruction base are program direction and administration costs, capital asset management program costs, and staff salaries.
 4. The Academy divides the incremental cost of instruction by the regiment strength of the 2nd through 4th year classes as of December 1 adjusted for deferred graduates, plus the estimated incoming class strength.
 5. The Academy projects the estimated average in-residence strength during the AY to determine the incremental cost of instruction per midshipman.
 6. The Academy charges each class by the number of terms in residence.

AY 2026-2027 Supporting Calculations

1. Cost of instruction (FY 2026 Plan)

Cost of Instructional Program	\$5,582,640
<u>Cost of Midshipman Program</u>	<u>\$17,753,462</u>
Total Cost of Instruction	\$23,336,102

2. Number of Midshipmen (est.)

		Avg. in Residence/Term	Avg. at Sea/Term
Class 2027	212	197	15
Class 2028	248	103	145
Class 2029	274	183	91
Incoming 2030	280	280	0
Deferred Grads	0	0	0
<u>Less Foreign Students</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
Total	1,014	763	251

3. Cost per Midshipman: \$23,336,102/763 = \$30,585

USMMA - Office of Academy Financial Management
Midshipman Fees - Foreign Students

Incremental Costs	2026 Plan	Incremental Cost Base
OFFICE OF THE DEAN	\$ 128,430	\$ 128,430
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION	\$ 343,920	\$ 343,920
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE ENGINEERING	\$ 605,630	\$ 605,630
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE	\$ 111,442	\$ 111,442
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
DEPT OF PROFESSIONAL DEV & CAREER SVCS	\$ 384,800	\$ 384,800
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT - Excluded	\$ 85,000	\$ -
LIBRARY - Excluded	\$ 512,000	\$ -
DEPT OF ATHLETICS & PHYSICAL EDUC	\$ 1,198,418	\$ 1,198,418
FIRE FIGHTING SCHOOL	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY - Excluded	\$ 2,224,000	
MIDSHIPMAN TRAVEL	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 1,130,000
MIDSHIPMAN TEXTBOOKS	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 1,270,000
USGC LICENSING & DOC EXP	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 8,403,640	\$ 5,582,640
COMMISSARY FOOD SERVICE	\$ 7,250,000	\$ 7,250,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 4,514,052	\$ 4,514,052
MIDSHIPMEN UNIFORMS BARRACKS	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 1,270,000
LINEN	\$ 89,000	\$ 89,000
MIDSHIPMEN WORKERS COMPENSATION - Excluded	\$ 450,000	\$ -
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
GRADUATION	\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000
WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,481,000	\$ 1,481,000
TV KINGS POINTER - MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$ 561,410	\$ 561,410
USMMA BAND	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS VESSELS -M&R	\$ 603,000	\$ 603,000
CHAPLAIN	\$ 376,000	\$ 376,000
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 1,385,000
USMMA POSTAGE		\$ -
TOTAL MIDSHIPMAN PROGRAMS	\$ 18,203,462	\$ 17,753,462
Total Cost	\$ 26,607,102	\$ 23,336,102
Estimated Regiment in Residence		763
Cost per Midshipman (Total Cost/Regiment Size)		\$ 30,585
Cost per Term in Residence (Cost per Midshipman/3 Terms)		\$ 10,195

(1) CFR §310.67(g)