

Strategic Sealift Officer Force



Direct Commission Officer (DCO) Program

The Strategic Sealift Officer Force (SSOF) shall provide warfare qualified Navy Reserve Officers with civilian Merchant Mariner credentials and military training to support the activation, operation, and sustainment of the United States organic sealift fleet, in contested environments, and in support of Maritime Domain Operations and the Maritime Industrial Base throughout the continuum of conflict.

Do you want to become an SSO?

Requirements:

- Must be a US Citizen and at least 21 years old and less than 42 at time of commissioning. Prior qualifying service will be considered for year-for-year credit up to age 52.
- Bachelor's Degree from one of the State Maritime Academies, the Merchant Marine Academy, any accredited industrial school, or a Bachelor of Science from an accredited institution.
- Valid USCG 2nd Mate / 2nd Assistant Engineer Unlimited License or higher with STCW - OR - Valid USCG 3rd Mate/3rd Assistant Engineer Unlimited License with STCW who are actively sailing on their license (within the last 6 months)
- Must be able to pass Navy Medical Standards and USCG Medical Certificate
- Must be able to obtain and hold a Security Clearance

How To Apply:

- Contact one of the following Navy Recruiters based on your Home of Record:
 - Northeast (Norfolk) – ENS Eduard Lamboy (eduard.m.lamboy.mil@us.navy.mil)
 - Southeast (Jacksonville) – LT Matt Lott (matthew.m.lott2.mil@us.navy.mil)
 - Central (Dallas) – LT Travis Pescatello (travis.j.pescatello.mil@us.navy.mil)
 - Northwest (Seattle) – LCDR Gary Bowers (gary.w.bowers8.mil@us.navy.mil)
 - Southwest (San Diego) – LT Jacob Rothstein (jacob.h.rothstein.mil@us.navy.mil)
- Complete the required paperwork the recruiters provide. They will put together a package and submit to the SSOF DCO Panel.

For more information visit: <https://www.navyreserve.navy.mil/Resources/SSO-Tool-Kit/>

Scroll down to Instructions Header, click RESPERSMAN and then click the 1534-040.

Feel free to email JointheSSOF@us.navy.mil for additional information as well.