

United States Marine Corps

Law Option Supplement

STEP #1 Application Process New Brunswick, NJ ~ 1 Month

Preliminary Qualifications:

- Be accepted to a law school (PLC), **OR**
- Graduated from a law school with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and pass the bar exam in any state (OCC)
- Must have achieved the minimum on one of the following achievement test:
 - 150 on the LSAT

Application:

- Service Agreements & Contracts
 - Stating that the applicant is guaranteed to be a JAG Officer

Once the application is complete it will be submitted to Headquarters, Marine Corps as a Law contract where a Board of Officers will review it. The application is either accepted or denied. If it is accepted the candidate proceeds to Officer Candidates school when instructed and is guaranteed to serve as a JAG Officer upon successfully completing OCS, Law School, any states Bar exam and TBS. If the application is denied it may be resubmitted for another class in the future.

STEP #2 Officer Candidates School Quantico, VA 10 Weeks

- Must successfully graduate from OCS and receive a commission in order to keep the Law Contract

STEP #2b Law School (PLC) Varies Max 4 years

- Must maintain Full time status and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- After OCS is completed semester GPA cannot be below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters
- Candidates are eligible to receive financial aid:
 - Financial Assistance Program (FAP); \$350 a month for 9 months with a max of 3 years
 - Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
- Automatic promotion to First Lieutenant after two years

STEP #3 The Basic School Quantico, VA 6 Months

- Attend TBS with the guaranteed MOS
 - Student Judge Advocate (4401)

STEP #4 Naval Justice School New Port, RI 9 Weeks

- Learn the procedures and terms of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)

STEP #5 Duty Station Varies 3-4 years

- Report into your duty station in the Fleet as a Judge Advocate (4402)