

United States Marine Corps

Officer Candidates Course

STEP #1

Application Process

New Brunswick, NJ

~ 1 Month

Preliminary Qualifications:

- Must be a United States Citizen
- Graduated from a Four Year Accredited University with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Must have achieved the minimum on one of the following achievement test:
 - 1000 or better on the SAT, **OR**
 - 45 or better on the ACT, **OR**
 - 74 QT or better on the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- Pass an officer physical examination at MEPS (Medical Entrance Processing Station)
- Pass the Marine Corps PFT (Physical Fitness Test) with a score of 225 or better
 - Males
 - Pull-ups
 - 5 points each with a maximum score of 100 points
 - Minimum of 10 pull-ups is required
 - Crunches
 - 1 point each for two minutes with a maximum score of 100 points
 - Minimum of 80 crunches is required
 - 3-Mile Run
 - 18:00 or less for maximum of 100 points
 - 1 point deducted from score for every 10 seconds over 18:00
 - Minimum of 24:00 is required
 - Females
 - Flex-arm hang
 - 70 seconds max for a score of 100 points
 - Approximately 2 points deducted for every second under 70
 - Crunches
 - 1 point each for two minutes with a maximum score of 100 points
 - Minimum of 80 crunches is required
 - 3-Mile Run
 - 21:00 or less for a maximum of 100 points
 - 1 point deducted for every 10 seconds over 18:00
 - Minimum of 27:00 is required

Application:

- Personal Statements
 - College information
 - Activity profile
 - Prior service history
 - Drug use history
 - Minor traffic violations
 - Non-traffic arrests
 - Tattoos
 - “Why I Want to be a Marine Corps Officer” statement

- Recommendations
 - Dean
 - Professors (2)
 - Employer
 - Other
 - I&I Staff, if applicable
- Written Evaluation by Officer Selection Officer
 - Details whether the applicant is capable of being a Marine Corps Officer
- Service Agreements & Contracts
 - The applicant is required to spend a minimum of 4 weeks of training at OCS (Officer Candidates School)
 - The applicant is guaranteed a commission as a Second Lieutenant upon successful completion of the 10-week OCS class

Once the application is complete it will be submitted to Headquarters, Marine Corps, 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. If the application is denied, it may be resubmitted for another class in the future.

STEP #2 Officer Candidates School Quantico, VA 10 Weeks

- 10 weeks of training with 30 hour weekend liberty starting on the third weekend
- Be trained and evaluated in:
 - Leadership (50%)
 - Physical Fitness (25%)
 - Academics (25%)
 (Must achieve a minimum passing score of 80% to graduate)
- Paid as an E-5 on the Military basic pay scale every two weeks
- Travel to and from OCS at the expense of the Marine Corps
- Can receive up to 6 college credits
- Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon graduation from OCS

STEP #3 The Basic School Quantico, VA 6 Months

- 26 weeks of training to learn basic officer skills
- Based on your performance, desires and the needs of the Marine Corps, you will be assigned an MOS (Military Occupational Specialty)

STEP #4 MOS School Varies Varies

- Learn everything there is to know about your military specialty

STEP #5 Duty Station Varies 3-4 years

- Report into your duty station in the Fleet and take charge of your first platoon
- Possible locations include
 - California
 - North or South Carolina
 - Hawaii, Japan, Virginia