

United States Marine Corps

Platoon Leaders Class

STEP #1

Application Process

New Brunswick, NJ

~ 1 Month

Preliminary Qualifications:

- Must be a United States Citizen
- Be attending school full time and maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- 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
 - Minor Traffic Violations, Non-Traffic Arrests
 - Tattoos
 - Why I want to be a Marine Corps Officer
- 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
 - Stating that 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 a degree and the two 6-week OCS classes

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 when instructed. If the application is denied it may be resubmitted for another class in the future.

STEP #2 Officer Candidates School Quantico, VA 6 Weeks

- PLC Juniors Class occurs after the Candidates Freshmen or Sophomore year of College
- Six weeks of training with 30 hour weekend liberty starting on the third weekend
- Goal of Juniors Class is to Educate and Motivate
- 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 3 college credits

STEP #3 College Varies 1-2 Years

- Candidates must maintain full time status and a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Continue to maintain a 225 PFT Score
- Candidates are eligible to receive financial aid:
 - Financial Assistance Program (FAP); \$350 a month for 9 months with a max of 2 years
 - Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

STEP #4 Officer Candidates School Quantico, VA 6 Weeks

- PLC Seniors Class occurs after the Candidates Junior year of College
- Six weeks of training with 30 hour weekend liberty starting on the third weekend
- Goal of Seniors Class is to Screen and Evaluate
- 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 3 college credits

STEP #5	<u>College</u>	Varies	1 Years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must maintain full time status and a 2.0 cumulative GPA • Continue to maintain a 225 PFT Score • Candidates are eligible to receive financial aid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Assistance Program (FAP); \$350 a month for 9 months with a max of 1 year • Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) • Upon successfully completing their degree the candidate will have the option to be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps • If the candidate decides to decline their commission their only obligation is to repay the moneys they have received from the FAP and TAP 		
STEP #6	<u>The Basic School</u>	Quantico, VA	6 Months
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 weeks of training to learn basic officer skills • Based on your performance, desires and needs of the Marine Corps you be assigned a MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) 		
STEP #7	<u>MOS School</u>	Varies	Varies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn everything there is to know about your military specialty 		
STEP #8	<u>Duty Station</u>	Varies	3-4 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report into your duty station in the Fleet and take charge of your first platoon • Possible locations include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California • North or South Carolina • Hawaii, Japan, Virginia 		