

Program Authorization: Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) Information Professional (IP) Option commissioning program. STA-21 IP Option will facilitate the completion of a baccalaureate degree and enhance upward mobility by providing an opportunity for enlisted personnel to obtain a commission, designator 1820. COMMUNITY MANAGER: BUPERS-317, DSN 882-2846. PROGRAM MANAGER: NSTC OD2, DSN 922-9437.

1. Program Authority: 10 USC 531, 532, 2013, 6323 and 12209.

2. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education).

3. Qualifications:

a. **Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of the United States. Waivers will not be granted.

b. **Gender:** Open to men and women.

c. **Education:**

(1) Applicants are required to pursue fields of study directly related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to include Information Technology, Information Management, Computer Science, Computer Network Administration, Information Assurance, Information Security, Electronics Engineering Technology and Computer/Software Programming.

(a) STA-21 IP Option participants must take a minimum of two semesters of Calculus and two semesters of Calculus-based Physics, receiving a passing grade of "C" or better. Calculus and Physics taken at other than the host institution must be transferable to the host institution to satisfy the STA-21 requirement.

(b) Participants must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

(2) Applicants must retain educational eligibility in accordance with OPNAVINST 1420.1 series.

(3) STA-21 IP Option officer candidates who fail to meet program requirements, but who desire consideration for Unrestricted Line officer opportunities, may contact the IP Officer Community Manager for information regarding conversion to the STA-21 Core program subject to the requirements of the IP Program.

d. **Clearance:** Applicants must have a current TS/SCI clearance or must complete and submit a SF-86 (Questionnaire for National Security Positions) demonstrating eligibility for a TS/SCI clearance if selected. Additionally, selectees must comply with periodic security updates, as required. For more information, please see your command Security Manager.

e. **Age:** Candidates must be at least 18 years old and not have passed their 35th birthday at commissioning. Waivers beyond age 35 will not be considered.

f. **Physical:** Must meet physical standards for appointment as prescribed in the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15. Applicants must meet the physical fitness weight and/or percentage of body fat standards at the time of application and at time of commissioning.

g. **Marital status:** No restrictions.

h. **Time in Service:** No restrictions.

4. Source:

a. Enlisted sailors must be serving on active duty, including Full Time Support (FTS) or Selected Reserve (SELRES) on extended orders (ex. Active Duty for Special Work, mobilization, recall, canvasser recruiter). Navy Reservists on active duty for training, including annual training (AT) and inactive duty for training (IDT), are not eligible.

b. Applicants must have no record of courts-martial convictions or civilian felony convictions, disciplinary action under Article 15 (Uniform Code of Military Justice), or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the three years preceding the date of application to STA-21. Any substantiated drug abuse while in an enlisted status is disqualifying.

5. Funding: Selectees will continue to receive full enlisted pay and allowances, and remain eligible for promotion while participating. An annual \$10,000 educational voucher will be provided to benefit each participant and paid to the educational institution attended. This voucher will be used to pay tuition, fees, and book costs only; the educational institution will remit any excess voucher funding to the program manager NSTC. Selectees will pay for any requirements that exceed the \$10,000 voucher. STA-21 students are not eligible for tuition

assistance from the Navy's Tuition Program, but may use Montgomery GI Bill funds and the other VA educational benefits listed in section 3681(b) of title 38, U.S.C., so long as payment is for different courses and not combined to pay for the same course.

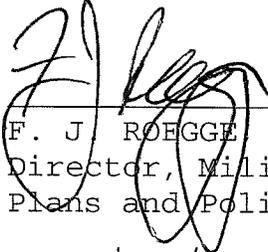
6. Indoctrination: Before beginning full-time college studies, STA-21 participants are required to attend the eight-week Naval Science Institute (NSI) at OTC Newport, RI to complete required officer professional core competencies. While attending their selected NROTC affiliated college or university, STA-21 officer candidates will participate in drills with their NROTC unit, attend two Naval Science leadership courses, and are strongly recommended to hold leadership positions within the unit. Upon completion of their baccalaureate degree program, STA-21 participants will be commissioned as officers in the U.S. Navy.

7. Appointment: Ensign, USN, Restricted Line, Information Professional Officer, Designator 1820, upon graduation from college/university.

8. Active duty obligation:

a. STA-21 IP Option officer candidates will incur a five year active duty obligation upon commissioning. Candidates disenrolled from the program will incur obligation as specified in OPNAVINST 1420.1 series.

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