

United States Marine Corps Officer Programs Application

Congratulations on being selected as one of the few individuals your Officer Selection Officer (OSO) feels has the unique qualities necessary to compete for a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps! The path to becoming an officer of Marines is long and arduous, and starts right here. Please take your time and fill out this application carefully, don't leave anything blank and if you have any questions please call your OSO for assistance. As you progress down the path towards becoming a Marine Officer, and the going gets rough--and it will--remember the following quote and good luck!

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, **so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.**

(Theodore Roosevelt)



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From: Captain Jonas L. Buring, Officer Selection Officer (OSO)
To: Prospect Applicant

Subj: **WELCOME ABOARD**

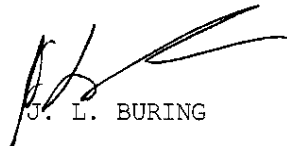
1. Finding individuals who qualify mentally, physically, and morally for the Marine Corps Officer program is always competitive and challenging. Receiving this application is proof that you have accomplished the first long series of competitive evaluations that must be passed before an individual is given the privilege to lead Marines. Congratulations on initially being qualified for our program.

2. From the moment we met, you have been evaluated. You will continue to be evaluated during every turn of the application process. I tell you this now because I want your application to be as competitive as possible. The proceeding paperwork may seem tedious at times, but remember: Once compiled and typed by my office, the application will be your very embodiment before a selection board that historically accepts only 65% of applicants. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY, BE LEGIBLE, ASK QUESTIONS, AND STICK TO THE ESTABLISHED TIMELINE. It is also worthwhile to read the letter from my Human Resources Assistant, Debbie Hollis. Utilize my Officer Selection Assistant (OSA), Gunnery Sergeant Gregory Crew, for MEPS/physical exam and ASVAB (if applicable) scheduling, and timeline concerns. Work well with him, and he will work wonders obtaining the more difficult documents for your application.

3. Your application is the beginning of a road less traveled, but the outcome will reap benefits. The Marine Corps is small, therefore, it has to be very selective in both the enlisted and officer corps. You have an extraordinary future in an organization that has had to be cutting edge to survive. You will be surrounded by individuals that are smarter, bolder, and more adaptive than the average person. Stay focused and you too will be sharpened and one day be an Officer of Marines.

I look forward to working with you.

Semper Fidelis,



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From: Officer Selection Team
To: Applicant

Subj: APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Congratulations on your decision to become a Marine Corps Officer. Now is the time for the real fun, completing this application. The OST Team will be your personal secretary during your time with us. This includes application completion, pay concerns, scheduling, and the general day-to-day administration management that culminated in your eventual commission.
2. The OST Team knows that life is busy and we respect that. You should know that the Marine Corps Officer selection process favors enthusiasm and motivation. The best way to initially demonstrate these traits is to promptly return this application and all required documents according to the timeline that has been established with you. Understand also that completing your responsibilities faster will reflect positively on the evaluation form that the Officer Selection Officer writes, further increasing your level of competitiveness before the selection board.
3. Typically, all application requirements are met within a twenty-one day period.
4. If you desire to become a Marine Corps Officer, we'll expect that you demonstrate yourself accordingly. You should be properly groomed and dressed for all interviews and appointments. Delays are considered a lack of accountability and interest on your part; responsibility, sincerity, and trust are just a few of the many traits we are evaluating you on. Before you begin, the Team has provided a few instructions that will help compile an application for you that is complete, and void of errors.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Print information neatly using a pencil. Be accurate, use full dates, and enter complete addresses and phone numbers as appropriate. If asked for a name, provide a full name (first, middle, and last). Your one hundred-word essay must be hand written in black ink and utilize cursive writing and no printing is authorized. Ensure all signature blocks are signed with your full name as it appears on your birth certificate.

5. Completing the application process within the time specified is very important. It is our first impression of your potential as an Officer Candidate. We recommend you take this application seriously. Please keep the OST Team informed of any address changes, injuries, court proceedings, traffic citations, and changes in college graduation dates (if it applies). Let's together make your application the best to date.



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