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third officer or third assistant engineer (or both licenses upon completion of a special curriculum and passing the respective license examinations) issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. If qualified, a graduate may be commissioned as an officer in a reserve component of an armed force of the United States.

(b) Midshipmen entering the Academy after April 1, 1982, are required by the Act to sign an agreement committing them to service obligations following the date of graduation. The terms of the service obligation contract are set forth in § 310.58 of this subpart.

§ 310.53 Nominations and vacancies.

(a) *Nominating officials.* (1) Each Senator and Member of the House of Representatives (including delegates from Guam, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico), the Panama Canal Commission, the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Delegate to the House of Representatives from American Samoa may nominate ten (1) candidates to compete for admission to the Academy.

(2) In accordance with the Act (46 U.S.C. 1295b (b)(1)), nominating officials may only nominate candidates who are residents of the State or other geographic area which the particular nominating official represents, as follows:

The candidate must be a resident of—	To be nominated by—
The State	A Member of the U.S. Senate representing that State.
The State	A Member of the U.S. House of Representatives whose Congressional District is located in that State.
Guam	The Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives representing Guam.
Virgin Islands	The Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives representing the Virgin Islands.
District of Columbia	The Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives representing the District of Columbia.
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.	The Resident Commissioner to the United States from Puerto Rico.
American Samoa	The Delegate to the House of Representatives representing American Samoa.

The candidate must be a resident of—	To be nominated by—
Any area or installation located in the Republic of Panama which is made available to the United States pursuant to the (i) the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977, (ii) the agreements relating to and implementing the Treaty signed September 7, 1977, and (iii) the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama Concerning Air Traffic Control and Related Services, concluded January 8, 1979; <i>Provided</i> , That no residence in the Republic of Panama is required if nomination is due to his or her parent's employment in the Panama Canal or in the Republic of Panama by the United States Government or the Panama Canal Commission.	Panama Canal Commission.
Northern Mariana Islands	Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands. Secretary of the Interior.
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.	

(3) Individuals must be residents of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to qualify for designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) Nominating officials may select nominees, and the Secretary of the Interior may select designees, by any method they wish, including a screening examination.

(5) Candidates from nations other the United States must be nominated by an official of their home government and have their applications approved by the United States Government official specified in § 310.66 (a), or (c) or (d).

(b) *Vacancies.* (1) The number of vacancies in each entering class allocated to each State is in proportion to the representation in Congress from that State.

(2) In each entering class, two vacancies shall be allocated each year for individuals nominated by the Panama Canal Commission; one vacancy each to nominees from Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, Northern Marian Islands and American Samo; and four vacancies to nominees from the District of Columbia.

(3) Not to exceed four (4) individuals at any one time may be admitted from

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the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and twelve (12) individuals from nations located in the Western Hemisphere, other than the United States, but not more than two (2) individuals from any one of such nations shall receive training at the same time.

(4) The Administrator may permit, upon approval of the Secretary of State, not more than thirty (30) individuals at one time from nations other than the United States to receive instruction at the Academy, subject to the condition that the foreign nations reimburse the Administrator for the cost of such training.

(5) The distribution of each entering class by State is:

Alabama.....	4
Alaska.....	1
Arizona.....	3
Arkansas.....	2
California.....	19
Colorado.....	4
Connecticut.....	4
Delaware.....	1
Florida.....	10
Georgia.....	5
Hawaii.....	2
Idaho.....	2
Illinois.....	9
Indiana.....	3
Iowa.....	4
Kansas.....	3
Kentucky.....	2
Louisiana.....	4
Maine.....	2
Maryland.....	5
Massachusetts.....	5
Michigan.....	7
Minnesota.....	3
Mississippi.....	3
Missouri.....	3
Montana.....	2
Nebraska.....	2
Nevada.....	2
New Hampshire.....	2
New Jersey.....	6
New Mexico.....	2
New York.....	15
North Carolina.....	6
North Dakota.....	1
Ohio.....	8
Oklahoma.....	2
Oregon.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	10
Rhode Island.....	2
South Carolina.....	4
South Dakota.....	1
Tennessee.....	4
Texas.....	13
Utah.....	2
Vermont.....	1
Virginia.....	5

Washington.....	5
West Virginia.....	2
Wisconsin.....	4
Wyoming.....	1

(6) The distribution of each entering class otherwise provided under the Act is:

Northern Mariana Islands.....	1
Puerto Rico.....	1
District of Columbia.....	4
Republic of Panama.....	2
Guam.....	1
American Samoa.....	1
Virgin Islands.....	1
Administrator.....	Not to exceed 40.

(7) The distribution of students provided for under the Act without reference to entering class is:

	Not to exceed at any one time
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	4
Western Hemisphere nations (other than U.S.)	12
Foreign nations.....	30

(c) *Request for nomination.* A person interested in admission to the Academy who feels that he or she meets the requirements in this subpart should request a nomination from his or her Senator or Representative or other appropriate nominating official listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) *Date for nominations.* The nominating official will send a nomination form for each nominee to the Admissions Office, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island, New York 11024, normally between August 1 and December 31 of the school year preceding that in which admission to the Academy is desired.

(e) *Appointments.* (1) The Administrator shall make appointments to fill the vacancies allocated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section from among qualified nominees, in order of merit, from each geographical area. The order of merit shall be established according to the procedure as specified in §310.57(b). Such appointments first shall be made from among residents of each geographic area listed in paragraph (b) of this section. Thereafter, appointments shall be made from among residents of each geographic area listed in paragraph (b) of this section. Thereafter appointments shall be made from among remaining qualified nominees (national alternates) in order

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of merit regardless of the area of residence.

(2) The Administrator may appoint, without competition, not more than forty (40) qualified citizens who possess qualities deemed to be of special value to the Academy. In making these appointments, the Administrator shall give special consideration to achieving a national demographic balance and to recognizing individuals with qualities deemed to be of special value to the Academy.

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§ 310.54 General requirements for eligibility.

(a) *Citizenship.* All candidates shall be citizens of the United States except: (1) Nominees from foreign nations; (2) nominees from the Northern Mariana Islands; (3) designees from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and (4) nominees from American Samoa, who may be American nationals. No person who is not a citizen shall be entitled to any office or position in the U.S. merchant marine by reason of his or her graduation from the Academy, until such person shall have become a citizen.

(b) *Age.* On July 1 of the year of admission to the Academy, a candidate shall be not less than seventeen (17) years of age and shall not have passed his or her twenty-fifth (25) birthday.

(c) *Character.* A candidate shall be of good moral character. The Administrator may reject the nomination of any candidate whose character is incompatible with the Academy's standards. No person who has been dismissed or compelled to resign from the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the Academy or a State maritime academy for improper conduct shall be eligible for appointment as a midshipman at the Academy. No person whose last discharge from any armed force was under conditions other than honorable or who has had a merchant mariner document removed or suspended for cause shall be eligible for appointment as a midshipman.

(d) *Investigation.* To be eligible for appointment, all candidates who are United States citizens shall be completely loyal to the United States and shall meet the requirements established by the Department of the Navy for designation as Midshipman, USNR (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, USNR). Candidates for appointment shall execute documents approved by the Administrator for the purpose of a security and suitability investigation. Appointment as a Midshipman, USNR (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, USNR) shall be a condition of admission for an individual who is a citizen. A candidate who is conditionally appointed to the Academy pending completion of a Navy security and suitability investigation shall be subject to immediate separation should the candidate, as a result of the investigation, fail to meet the requirements established for appointment as Midshipman, USNR.

(e) *Waivers.* There shall be no waivers of general eligibility requirements.

(Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)); Pub. L. 97-31 (August 6, 1981); 49 CFR 1.66)

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§ 310.55 Scholastic requirements.

(a) *Academic requirements—(1) Credits.* Applicants shall have satisfactorily completed their high school education at an accredited secondary school, or equivalent, and shall present at least 15 units of credit for subjects acceptable to the Academy, comprised of:

(i) 7 required units, as follows:

(A) 3 units of Mathematics (from algebra, geometry and trigonometry);

(B) 3 units of English; and

(C) 1 unit of Physics or Chemistry.

(ii) 8 other units, preferably chosen from the following fields:

(A) Additional mathematics and science;

(B) Foreign language;

(C) Economics; and,

(D) Social science.

(2) *Evidence of academic work.* Before approval of an application, each applicant shall submit evidence showing completion of high school education, or showing that such education will be