

U.S. Naval War College Maritime Advanced Warfighting School

Application for admission to the Maritime Advanced Warfighting School

Mission: The Maritime Advanced Warfighting School (MAWS) educates and develops a select group of future leaders to serve as operational planners who think critically and creatively, provide solutions to complex problems on high level operational staffs, and who are prepared to fill key warfare and joint leadership positions throughout their careers.

MAWS Overview:

- The MAWS program is an intensive 13-month program run concurrently with the College of Naval Command and Staff (CNCS)
- MAWS delivers an enhanced Joint Military Operations core course
- MAWS replaces CNCS electives with curriculum focused on advanced maritime professional military education (PME) at the operational level of war.
- MAWS conducts a real-world planning Capstone in support of joint and fleet commanders planning requirements.
- MAWS graduates earn
 - The CNCS M.A. degree in Defense and Strategic Studies,
 - Joint Professional Military Education Phase I credit
 - U.S. Navy graduates of MAWS are awarded an Additional Qualification Designator (AQD) code of JP-1 as an Operational planner
 - Non-Navy graduates of MAWS receive their Services' designator as an Operational Planner equivalent to that awarded by other Services' Advanced Warfighting Schools.

Application requirements.

- All U.S. military officers ordered to the August convening of the CNCS are eligible.
- Must be a minimum of 0-4 or 0-4 (select) at the time of application.
- Must not have previously failed selection to 0-5.
- Open to all MOS / warfare specialties.
- MAWS graduates can expect to receive a post-graduation assignment aligned with their Services' operational planner MOS/DESIG.
- Attendance at MAWS requires eligibility for TS-SCI clearance. Please contact your current command's Special Security Officer (SSO) to verify TS/SCI eligibility or to begin the Tier 5 investigation process, as applicable, before transferring

Application Process: After coordinating with your senior service representative to ensure service agreement with the extended time necessary to complete MAWS, submit the following to the MAWS Academic Coordinator via DoDSafe. Thomas.robb@usnwc.edu. 1 (401) 856-6248.

1. Personal Information

Full Name:
Rank/Grade:
Service:
Occupational Specialty:
Current Assignment:
Contact Information (Email/Phone):

2. Statement of Interest: Please provide a brief (not more than 250-word) statement addressing the following:

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- Why you are interested in attending MAWS.
- How your background and experience will contribute to the MAWS cohort. Include a summary of relevant planning experience or education.
- How you intend to apply the education received at MAWS in future assignments.

3. Provide a copy of your Master Brief Sheet (USMC), Soldier Training Profile (USA), or SURF (USAF/USSF)

4. Attach your military biography