

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)
- The MAWS delivers an enhanced Joint Military Operations core course
- The MAWS replaces CNCS electives with curriculum focused on advanced maritime professional military education (PME) at the operational level of war.
- 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 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. Thomas.robbs@usnwc.edu

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:

- 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. Attach your military biography