

**New Student Indoctrination 2025 Mandatory Information Package**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. If I'm under 18 years of age, do I need to sign the Standard Release?**

A Midshipman Candidate (MC) signature is ALWAYS required on the standard release form. If a MC is under age 18, this form must also be signed by a parent/legal guardian and notarized, as instructed.

**2. Do I still need to do a DoDMERB Physical once I submit my Pre-Participation (Sports) Physical?**

**Yes.** You still need to complete the DoDMERB Physical in order to activate your NROTC scholarship.

**3. Is the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory in order for me to attend NSI?**

**No.** The Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act removed the mandatory requirement for Department of Defense personnel to be vaccinated for COVID-19. However, due to the highly infectious nature of the virus and the fact that MCs will be housed in berthing areas with up to 96 other candidates; **it is recommended by Preventive Medicine that students be vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu.**

**4. Can I bring Over The Counter (OTC) medicines to NSI?**

**No.** If you require medicine during training, it will be dispensed by the base pharmacy.

**5. I cannot get a copy my newborn sickle cell blood test results. Will you accept a sickle cell blood test from a private laboratory?**

**Yes.** We will accept Sickle Cell Solubility, Hemoglobin Electrophoresis, High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) blood test results. We have included examples of private laboratory exams of each type for your reference.

**6. How do I get assigned an NSI Iteration?**

There are three (3) NSI Iterations you can be assigned to; several factors go into determining your iteration, including commitments you have during the summer with your family, NROTC Unit/university or outside organizations. You will be assigned to NSI, by the CMGO, **based on the information you submit in your package.**

**7. I am currently waiting to see if I will be accepted into a Service Academy. Should I still send in the required documents for NSI, or should those documents only be sent if I am 100% sure that I am doing NROTC?**

It would be best to begin the NSI process now. Your scholarship will not be activated until you complete NSI and go to your NROTC unit.

**8. If I have decided to attend a Service Academy or changed my mind and I am not accepting an NROTC scholarship, who needs to be notified?**

The CMGO, Placement Office, and the NROTC unit at the university you applied to.

**9. What will my mailing address be while I'm in training?**

Due to the short duration of training, Midshipman Candidates do not receive mail during NSI.

**10. If I turn my package in late, will I be able to attend NSI?**

**No.** Our staff is processing packages for ~2,000 Midshipman Candidates. Therefore, it is incumbent upon you, as a future Naval/Marine Corps Officer, to meet the package submission deadline.

**11. Will my NROTC scholarship be activated if I don't attend NSI?**

**No.** In order to activate your NROTC Scholarship, you must successfully complete NSI. This is why it's important for you to plan and coordinate any commitments you have this summer with your family, outside organizations, and your NROTC unit/university. Communicating this information to the CMGO is the biggest factor you can control in determining which NSI you will be assigned to. Until your scholarship is activated, **you will be responsible for all tuition and expenses normally covered by the NROTC Scholarship.**

**12. What are the dates for the NSI Graduation Ceremony?**

The NSI Graduation Ceremony will be held on the final day of NSI. For NSI 2025 those dates are:

NSI 1: 23 June 2025

NSI 2: 14 July 2025

NSI 3: 04 August 2025

Please do not contact the CMGO with questions regarding the graduation ceremony. As we get closer to NSI, you will receive forms, information, and a point of contact with all the necessary information.