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## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF SEAMAN TO ADMIRAL - 21 PROGRAM (NUCLEAR OPTION) REQUIREMENTS

- I am volunteering for the Seaman to Admiral 21 Commissioning Program (STA-21) as a Nuclear Power Officer Candidate. If accepted, I understand that the following requirements apply:
- a. Requirements for a bachelor's degree must be completed in 36 months or less (42 months for an established five-year degree program).
- b. Full time student status is required, including school attendance during summer sessions.
- c. Only engineering or technical majors will be authorized. The major will be approved by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (DCNO) (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education) (N133).
- d. A semester/quarter grade point average (GPA) of less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or grades less than "C" in any technical/math/science classes, may result in academic probation and/or disenrollment.
- e. Grades will be submitted to DCNO (N133) immediately following each semester/quarter of work.
- f. DCNO (N133) may recommend disenvollment for academic reasons or discipline/moral problems (e.g., drug usage, civil convictions, etc.).
- g. If disenrolled for any reason, I will not be allowed to remain in the STA-21 core program.
- h. If not accepted into the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program as an officer when interviewed by the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, I will be allowed to complete my degree and be commissioned as a non-nuclear unrestricted line officer.
- i. Applications will be restricted to the following Universities:

Arizona State University Purdue University Auburn University Southern University and A&M College Columbia University State University of New York, Maritime Iowa State University College The Citadel North Carolina State University University of Arizona Old Dominion University University of Idaho Oregon State University University of Illinois Pennsylvania State University University of Kansas

University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of New Mexico
University of South Carolina
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin

- j. I will receive full pay and allowances for my enlisted pay grade and up to \$10,000 per year, paid to the university by the Naval Service Training Command to supplement costs of tuition, books, and other fees incurred. I understand that I will not be eligible for tuition assistance under the Navy's Tuition Assistance Program, but I may be eligible to use Veteran's Benefits for current expenses while enrolled in the STA-21 program. The VA has authorized the use of the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits (Chapter 30 of Title 38) to pay for courses after the service member's STA-21 funds are exhausted, as long as payment is for different courses and not combined to pay for the same course.
- k. If disenrolled, I will be screened in accordance with MILPERSMAN 1510-030 or OPNAVINST 1220.1 series, as applicable, for return to the Nuclear Propulsion Program in an enlisted status. If deemed unsuitable for active duty, I may be subject to recoupment of all tuition, fees, and books. This obligation remains until I have completed 5 years of active enlisted service following the date I am disenrolled from the program.
- 1. An enlistment of six years upon receipt of orders to STA-21(N) is required.
- m. A five-year active duty obligation as a nuclear power officer is incurred upon commissioning.
- n. STA-21(N) students disenrolled prior to completing degree requirements will be obligated for five years of enlisted service from the date of program disenrollment, or the remainder of their enlistment contract, whichever is longer. They will also be subject to recoupment of all tuition, fees and books, as well as reenlistment bonus contract amounts compensatory with time spent enrolled in the STA-21(N) program.
- o. STA-21(N) disenrollees who complete degree requirements, but fail to be commissioned, will incur a five-year enlisted service obligation from the date of program completion or disenrollment.
- p. For all STA-21(N) students, regardless of accession source, assignment to the submarine or surface warfare communities upon commissioning will be based on the needs of the Navy. This may be pre-designated by the Nuclear Officer Program Manager such that all students may be assigned either a submarine warfare designator (1170) or a surface warfare designator (1160) based upon Fleet manning requirements.
- q. I currently meet the Navy's physical fitness and height, weight and body fat standards of OPNAVINST 6110.1 series and understand that I am required to remain within these requirements (must maintain a GOOD for the duration of the program). I further understand that if I receive a grade of SATISFACTORY or FAILURE within the year of APPLICATION, I am no longer eligible for the STA-21 program.
- r. I acknowledge that active service in the STA-21(N) program is not used when determining an officer's retirement eligibility.

Signature/Date of Witnessing Officer	Signature/date of Applicant	
Name (Last, First Middle)	SSN (Last 4 Only)	BRANCH AND CLASS