



**PERMIT TO REPORT TO U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
FOR ADMISSION AS MIDSHIPMAN**

Dear XXXXXXX:

You have accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and are hereby authorized to report at **1030** on **6/29/2021** to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, to be sworn in as a Midshipman, U.S. Navy.

**YOU MUST BRING THIS PERMIT WITH YOU AND PRESENT IT AND OTHER SPECIFIED FORMS AT THE TIME OF REPORTING FOR ADMISSION ON INDUCTION DAY.**

Please refer to the [Permit to Report Information Booklet](#), for detailed information, instructions, and updates to Induction Day. This Information Booklet can be found on the Permit to Report website: [www.usna.edu/admissions/PermitToReport](http://www.usna.edu/admissions/PermitToReport). So that there will be no delay in admitting you as a Midshipman, these instructions should be carefully read and followed.

**If you choose to decline your appointment, you must email [nomapps@usna.edu](mailto:nomapps@usna.edu) to decline your offer immediately.**

May this mark the beginning of your continued success and achievement as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Hwang'.

M. J. HWANG  
Director, Nominations and Appointments

Candidate Name

Candidate #



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Dear Prospective Midshipman:

On behalf of the members of the Naval Academy Admissions Staff, Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations on having earned an appointment to the United States Naval Academy! Over 16,000 students applied for the Class of 2025 from every state in the union, all U.S. territories, and 19 foreign countries. You can be justifiably proud of this impressive accomplishment.

We realize that applying to the Naval Academy can be very tedious and time consuming. In our efforts to improve the admissions process, we conduct a survey of each incoming Plebe Class. This information will be used to identify areas for improvement or to reduce confusion for potential candidates. It is our goal to ensure that eligible students, in every region of the country, are aware of the opportunities available at the Naval Academy.

This year's survey questions are incorporated in the Academic Background System (ABS), and are described more fully in Dean Jennifer Waters' letter included in this packet. Please visit the web site <http://www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/index.php>. You will need your candidate number to gain access to the survey for the Class of 2025.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in completing this survey. We look forward to welcoming you to Annapolis on June 29-30.

Sincerely,

  
S. B. LATTA



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March 4, 2021

Dear Prospective Midshipman of the Class of 2025,

Welcome Aboard! On behalf of the faculty at the Naval Academy, congratulations on being selected to attend one of the premier institutions of higher education in the United States. We are pleased that you have chosen the Naval Academy and believe that you will find your academic experience here to be challenging and rewarding.

Several important academic events have been scheduled during Plebe Summer. The purpose of these academic events is to place you in courses most appropriate to your academic background, determine if credit should be awarded for college-level work done elsewhere ("validation"), and prepare you for the Naval Academy's academic program. However, even prior to Induction Day, we must collect information from you about your academic background so that we are prepared to best help you with your academic future.

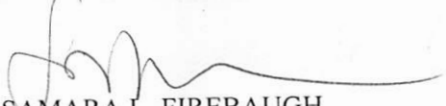
Before you arrive, you must log into the "Academic Background System (ABS)" described on the back of this letter to complete several questionnaires and also some mathematics and foreign language skills assessments (exams). You may exit and return to ABS to update or complete your responses to the questionnaires, and you may also take breaks between different portions of the exams. Completion of the questionnaires and the exams is required prior to arrival at the Naval Academy. Typically, the questionnaires take about an hour to complete, and the exams may take about two hours to complete. As indicated in ABS, if you have taken or will take AP or IB examinations (any subject), be sure that your results are sent to the Naval Academy.

The exams contained in ABS allow us to place you in an appropriate mathematics course upon your arrival and/or possibly give you validation credit for some courses. Be sure to follow the directions. It is very important that your performance on these tests reflects your current mathematical knowledge and abilities. It is therefore in your best interest that your work is entirely yours—unaided by anyone or anything in order to place you most appropriately.

Immediately after Induction Day, you will begin a sequence of additional placement and validation tests in Chemistry, English, and Physics. The particular tests that you take will depend on information you enter in the ABS questionnaires. In some cases, taking a test will be optional; in other cases, the test will be required. Please be prepared for these tests. In most cases, they will be your only opportunity to validate certain courses. As you will learn, it is advantageous for you to gain validation credit for courses at the Naval Academy since validations increase the choices and special opportunities available to you.

During Plebe Summer, you will also be assigned an Academic Adviser who will meet with you to help with your academic orientation, ensure your fall semester class schedule is set appropriately, and discuss many of your future academic options. Your adviser will also be available to answer any questions you may have then or throughout the year.

Congratulations once again. We look forward to your arrival at the Naval Academy!

  
SAMARA L. FIREBAUGH  
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

## Information about the USNA Class of 2025 Academic Background System (ABS)

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The online USNA Academic Background System (ABS) for the class of 2025 will be available beginning on or about April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Information about your background and prior coursework is used to place you in appropriate classes and determine your eligibility for validation exams.

To access ABS you need a computer with a current web browser and an internet connection. You must ensure cookies are enabled. You must also have an *active* email account to communicate with us.

First go to the website <http://www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/index.php> to read general information, then follow the link to the ABS login page. You may reach this website by navigating from USNA's website ([usna.edu](http://usna.edu)) → Academics → Candidate Information.

**To sign in to ABS, your user ID is your candidate number  
and your password is your date of birth in MMDDYYYY format.**

You do not need to finish all sections contained in ABS at once; you may return later to complete or update your entries. **You should finish entering all of the ABS requested information and complete the required exams as soon as possible but certainly before Induction Day.**

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### *Need Help?*

1. **Problems logging in?** *Ensure that you have entered your candidate number exactly as shown in USNA correspondence and your date of birth is in MMDDYYYY format. There may be a database update lag, but if you have waited more than 10 days after your acceptance should have arrived in Annapolis, please email Dr. Williams, the Deputy Director for Academic Advising, at [mwilliam@usna.edu](mailto:mwilliam@usna.edu) with your name, candidate number and email address.*
2. **Part of the data submitted gets lost?** *Avoid timeouts by submitting your work within 30 minutes of your last submission; upgrade to latest version of your browser, or use a computer with a different internet service provider (ISP). Normally, exam attempts will not be reset, but if you wish that your exam attempt be reset due to technical difficulties, please email Dr. Williams, the Deputy Director for Academic Advising, at [mwilliam@usna.edu](mailto:mwilliam@usna.edu) for consideration.*
3. **Unable to access the website (USNA and/or ABS) at all?** *Try another computer with a different internet service provider (ISP). Access to USNA's website may be blocked for some ISPs due to past security problems with those ISPs.*
4. **Other problems?** *Please email Dr. Williams, the Deputy Director for Academic Advising, at [mwilliam@usna.edu](mailto:mwilliam@usna.edu) with a brief description of the problem for assistance.*

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Additional information about many aspects of our Academic program is accessible from the USNA Home Page → Academics. Of special interest to you may be our Course Validation Policy, which is available at [www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/Course-Validation-Policy.php](http://www.usna.edu/Academics/Candidate-Information/Course-Validation-Policy.php)