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Expiration Date: 11/30/2026

This is a PREVIEW of the

NOAA Teacher at Sea (TAS) Application.

Do NOT fill out this Application.

The online Application will be available at
https://teacheratsea.noaa.gov

on

Sunday, November 1, 2026

and close on

Monday, November 30, 2026 at

11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

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NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program Application
2027 Field Season

Your application and recommendations, and uploaded examples are due Monday, November 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time.

You can import data from your most recent previous year application into your current application by clicking the button labeled 'Import from 2026 application'. After you import the data you can modify it. **This is a one-time option, available only now. After you leave this screen, you will no longer be able to import the data.**

In this application, you will navigate through 4 main sections:

Section 1. Application

Section 2. Recommendations: Provide the email addresses of **two** references. Our system will then email requests for recommendations directly to those addresses.

Section 3. Upload Files: Upload an example lesson or activity.

Section 4. Submit Application: You must **click the "Submit Application" button** in order for your application to be complete.

The evaluation team will NOT review incomplete applications.

Please review our Privacy Act Statement.

IMPORTANT

- Please use the most recent version of your browser when completing your application.
- TO SAVE/PRINT: Save often and print a final copy. Click the "Save" button if you want to logout and login again later to make changes before submitting your application. **New or changed information you enter will not be saved until you click "Save." Click "Save" at least every 30 minutes to prevent a session timeout.** You may save or print at any time before you submit your application.
- TO SUBMIT: You will be able to submit your application once you have completed all 4 required sections. Click submit ONLY after you have finished making changes to your application. **NOTE:** This action cannot be undone by you and would require technical support to reverse.
- For technical support, please contact tas.support@ecs-federal.com

Notes about Recommendations:

1. Verify that your two references are able to write and submit an recommendation for you prior to Monday, November 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time. We will not accept recommendations that are late.
2. Once you enter the email address for your references into the form, contact your reference and make sure they received an email from the database. They may need to check their Spam/Junk folder.

Save Print

Section 1: Application

* Asterisk indicates a required field.

Personal Contact Information

* First Name: MI: * Last:

* Home Address 1:

If your address is in a country other than the United States, enter your state or province in Home Address 2 and select "NN" for State.

Home Address 2:

* City: * State: * Zip:

* Country: United States

* Home Phone: Cell Phone:

* Either Home Phone or Cell Phone is required.

* Email Address:

Important: The NOAA Teacher at Sea Program will send emails to your personal email address. Please enter a personal email address different from your work email address, so that you will still have access to it if you change jobs and no longer have access to your work email address. Please make sure that the email is valid and you have spelled it correctly.

School/Employer Contact Information

* Name of School/Employer:

* School Address 1:

If the address is in a country other than the United States, enter the state or province in School Address 2 and select "NN" for State.

School Address 2:

* City: * State: * Zip:

* Country: United States

* Work Phone:

* Work Email Address:

Important: The NOAA Teacher at Sea Program will send emails to your work email address. Please make sure that the email is valid and you have spelled it correctly.

Additional Information

Only U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents may apply to the NOAA Teacher at Sea program.

* Citizenship: United States

If you are **not** a U.S. citizen, you must be a Lawful Permanent Resident. Please check this box if you are a Lawful Permanent Resident.

☐ Lawful Permanent Resident

* Sex: ○ Female ○ Male * Age Range:

If you have previously applied to NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program, please check the applicable years below:

☐ 1992	☐ 2001	☐ 2010	☐ 2019
☐ 1993	☐ 2002	☐ 2011	☐ 2020
☐ 1994	☐ 2003	☐ 2012	☐ 2021
☐ 1995	☐ 2004	☐ 2013	☐ 2022
☐ 1996	☐ 2005	☐ 2014	☐ 2023
☐ 1997	☐ 2006	☐ 2015	☐ 2024
☐ 1998	☐ 2007	☐ 2016	☐ 2025
☐ 1999	☐ 2008	☐ 2017	☐ 2026
☐ 2000	☐ 2009	☐ 2018	

* Type of School/Employer:

If "Other", please indicate school/employer type:

School/Employer Population:

* Total number of students you teach in a year:

* Please list the grades and subjects you currently teach and are likely to teach next year.

Grade	Other	Subject Type	Specify	Currently Teaching	Teaching Next Year
				☐	☐
				☐	☐
				☐	☐
				☐	☐
				☐	☐
				☐	☐
				☐	☐

* Years of teaching experience:

* Years teaching at current school/employer:

Please list any leadership roles that you have held. Click the "Add" button after entering each role.

Title:

Description: 1000 characters remaining

Add

No leadership roles found.

* University degree or other academic experience or qualifications:

- ☐ Bachelor's _____ (Major)
- ☐ Master's _____ (Discipline)
- ☐ Ph.D. _____ (Discipline)
- ☐ Other Degree/Qualifications

Other degree/qualification description(s):

Research Preferences

Information about the types of research projects conducted by NOAA ships is available at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/teacher-at-sea-program/how-the-program-works.

NOAA ship schedules are not available to the public; therefore, you cannot select a specific cruise. We will do our best to match you with a cruise that fits your schedule and research interests.

* A. Please list below **ALL** the dates that you would be available to participate on a cruise. Please use mm-dd-yyyy as the date field format.

☐ Select this box if you are open to any time frame.

Start Date	End Date

* B. Type of research that interests you most:

- ☐ Open to any type
- ☐ Fisheries
- ☐ Hydrographic
- ☐ Oceanographic/Atmospheric
- ☐ Other

Other interests or comments:

* C. Please indicate your preferred cruise length. Most cruises last between 2 and 3 weeks. Some cruises last over a month.

Preferred length of cruise: ▼

* D. Please indicate your preferred geographical areas of research:

☐ Open to any area	☐ Northeast	☐ Southeast
☐ Gulf of America	☐ Northwest	☐ Southwest
☐ Alaska	☐ Hawaii	☐ Other

Other port/area:

Questionnaire

* 1. NOAA's primary interest in this program is the way in which teachers will incorporate the experience into their classroom activities, help colleagues do the same, and share this with their community. How do you envision using this experience to benefit your students, colleagues, and community?

5000 characters remaining

* 2. Describe your experience and ability in writing your own classroom activities. Please be specific and offer examples. *Please upload an example lesson plan or activity in Section 3 of this application.

2500 characters remaining

* 3. Describe how you work as a member of a team. Use examples from your own experience that detail your role and the contributions you made to the team effort.
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* 4. Discuss your ability to adapt to the physical and personal demands of life onboard a ship.
2500 characters remaining

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Please tell us how you heard about NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program. Check any that apply:

☐ Email listserv. Please provide the name and/or URL:

☐ Friend or colleague. Please list type of relation (provide a name if you wish):

☐ Former TAS participant. Please provide name:

☐ Website. Please list the URL:

☐ Conference or presentation. Please list the venue and/or presentation title:

☐ Other (please explain):

If you have any suggestions for other places we might advertise, please list them here:

Public Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0283. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection.

This information collection serves as the application for NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program. It solicits information from interested educators that enables NOAA to select participants for a limited number of opportunities. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are voluntary.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Jennifer Hammond, Director, NOAA Teacher at Sea Program, 200 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, jennifer.hammond@noaa.gov.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under 5 U.S.C. § 301, Departmental regulations, which authorizes the operations of an executive agency, including the creation, custodianship, maintenance and distribution of records, 15 U.S.C. 1512, Powers and duties of Department, and 16 U.S.C. 32 §1440, Research, Monitoring, and Education.

Purpose: NOAA is collecting information for applications to the competitive NOAA Teacher at Sea Program. Interested individuals will provide applications to NOAA for consideration. Applications include information for self-identification of the applicant, current employment details, availability, and research preferences, and professional recommendations.

Routine Uses: The information collected will be used to determine applicant eligibility and qualifications for an opportunity to sail aboard an ocean research vessel as a participant in NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among Department staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-11, Contact Information for Members of the Public Requesting or Providing Information Related to NOAA's Mission.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide some or all of the requested information may remove the applicant from consideration for this opportunity.

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NOAA's Teacher at Sea Application - Section 2: Recommendations

As part of your application package, we require two recommendations:

- One from an administrator/supervisor and
- One from a colleague

These recommendations must be submitted ONLINE, directly by your references.

In order to complete the recommendation process you must follow these instructions:

1. Make your references aware that you would like them to write a recommendation for you prior to your application submission.

2. Enter the name and email address of each person from whom you are requesting a recommendation. Once you request the recommendation, an automatic email will be sent asking them to submit the recommendation electronically to us.

3. Inform your references that they **MUST submit recommendations via this online application system** by following the instructions they receive in the email request. They may NOT submit recommendations via other channels, e.g. through the mail, through separate emails, or as attachments.

4. If your references cannot find the request for the recommendation in their email inbox, advise them to check their **spam/junk folders**. Many automatically generated emails are sent to spam folders instead of inboxes. The email will come from NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program.

5. When a reference has submitted their recommendation for you, the checkbox labeled "Completed?" will have a check mark in it. Check periodically to see if the recommendation has been submitted.

6. If needed, you may **resend** a request to one or both of your references by clicking "Re-request Recommendation".

7. If needed, you may **withdraw** a request by clicking "Withdraw Request". Note that you will need to identify another reference to replace the one from whom you have withdrawn the request.

8. You do NOT have to wait for your references to write their recommendations in order for you to submit your application.

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Recommendations are due at the same time the application is due: **Monday, November 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time**. Both recommendations must be submitted in order for your application to be complete.

Administrator's Recommendation

First Name:
Last Name:
Email Address:
Verify Email:

Request Recommendation | Withdraw Request | Completed?

Colleague's Recommendation

First Name:
Last Name:
Email Address:
Verify Email:

Request Recommendation | Withdraw Request | Completed?

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NOAA's Teacher at Sea Application - Section 3: Upload Supporting Materials

Please upload 1-3 example lessons or activities to support your answer to Question 2.

Uploaded examples are due at the same time as the application due date: **Monday, November 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time**.

At least one lesson or activity must be uploaded in order for your application to be complete.

Please adhere to the following parameters:

- **Each file must be under 4 MB.**
- **Do not upload more than 3 files.**
- **Please do NOT upload resumes or curricula vitae.**
- **You can only upload one file at a time.**

Upload New File: Choose File No file chosen Upload

Current Uploads:

Delete File

NOAA's Teacher at Sea Application - Section 4: Application Submission

Review the status of your application below to verify that all requirements have been met. You will not be able to submit until all required fields on your application are completed and the 2 requests for recommendations have been sent to your references.

NOTE: Please remember that if your recommendations are not submitted by the deadline of Monday, November 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time, your application will not be considered complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all items, including recommendations, are submitted by the deadline.

All requirements of your application have been met.

Application Form Status:

All required fields in your application form have been validated.

Recommendation Requests:

You have successfully submitted requests for your recommendation letters.

Uploaded Examples:

You have successfully uploaded at least one file.

REMEMBER: You will not be able to make changes after clicking Submit. Your application will NOT be reviewed unless you click the SUBMIT button below.

Submit Application Print Application