

2. Accordingly, each applicant enlisting for a enlistment program will complete an SOU. An example of the SOU is provided in the specific order. Local reproduction of the SOU is authorized. Local changes of the SOU, however, are prohibited.

a. The applicant will complete the SOU in his or her own handwriting, **prior to** enlisting in the Delayed Entry Program. Erasures and/or cross outs are not permitted and render the SOU void.

b. The completed SOU (along with any required appendices) will be marked "Annex B" and attached to the Enlistment or Reenlistment Document (DD Form 4) as required by MCO 1130.53.

3. The completed SOU will be distributed in accordance with the instructions contained in MCO 1130.53. **Further, a copy of the completed SOU will be given to each applicant the day they enlist into the DEP and every time the applicant changes his/hers enlistment option program, or fills out a new SOU.**

a. An appropriate statement on the DD Form 1966, Section VI, will reflect the reason for the program change.

4210. GRADE UPON ENLISTMENT INTO THE MARINE CORPS OR SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

1. All enlistments into the Marine Corps or SMCR will be in the grade of private unless otherwise authorized by the MCRC or as specified in table 4-2, on page 4-43.

2. All broken and continuous reenlistments into the Marine Corps will be in the grade specified by MCO 1130.58, unless otherwise authorized by the MCRC.

3. Prior service personnel (Marine Corps or other service) for enlistment or reenlistment in the SMCR will be appointed as specified by the CMC (MMEA). MCO P1040R.35 contains specific details.

4211. OATH OF ENLISTMENT.

1. All Regular Marine Corps or SMCR enlistments and Regular Marine Corps reenlistments (broken or continuous) must be authorized by either the commanding generals of the eastern or western recruiting regions, the district commanding officers, recruiting station commanding officers or their authorized representatives, unless otherwise directed by the CG MCRC.

2. Normally, commissioned officers assigned to the MEPS will administer the oath of enlistment while wearing the prescribed

TABLE 4-2

---

**APPOINTMENT TO A GRADE OTHER THAN PRIVATE UPON ENLISTMENT.**


---

R A	B
<b>U</b> If an applicant (notes 1 through 4):	then grade upon
<b>L</b>	enlistment will
<b>E</b>	be:
<b>1</b> has prior service (other service) with 6 or more months of active duty to include continuous active duty training	private first class (notes 5 and 6)
<b>2</b> is a <b>high school graduate</b> and has evidence of successful completion of a 2-year Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC)	
<b>3</b> is a high school graduate and has evidence of successful completion of 2 or more years of a Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (JROTC)	(note 7)
<b>4</b> enlists in the DEP or SMCR awaiting IADT and refers two applicants who subsequently enlist	(note 8)
<b>5</b> has completed the junior and senior course of the Platoon Leaders Class or the male or female Officer Candidate Course	
<b>6</b> a. has evidence of completing 12 semester hours/18 quarter hours, college level courses with a course number of 100 or greater and attained a minimum grade point average of C+ (2.3 or better on 4.0 scale). College hours do not have to be completed in the same semester or quarter b. applicants whose education enlistment code is 14D or 16K <b>c. applicants must have completed the 10th grade in a traditional high school to be promoted under this rule.</b>	
<b>7</b> enlists under the provisions of the Quality Enlistment Program/College Enlistment Program (QEP/CEP) contained in MCO 1130.60 (excludes the 4-year QEP	
<b>8</b> enlists under the provisions of the Musician Enlistment Option Program contained in MCO 1130.54	
<b>9</b> is an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America or a Girl Scout Gold Award in the Girl Scouts of America	(note 9)
<b>10</b> attained grade E-3 or completed at least 24-months in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps	((note 9))
<b>11</b> enlists for duty with the U.S. Marine Band only	staff sergeant (note 10)
<b>12</b> Young Marines must achieve the rank of E-5.	(note 11)

**TABLE 4-2**

---

**APPOINTMENT TO A GRADE OTHER THAN PRIVATE UPON ENLISTMENT.**

---

**(CONTINUED)**

---

**NOTE 6.** Consult the provisions of the Prior Service (Other Service) Enlistment Incentive Program contained in MCO 1130.55. Under this Order, an applicant may be eligible for appointment to a higher grade.

**NOTE 7.** Completion of 2 years or more at a service academy satisfies this requirement.

**NOTE 8.** The individual making the referrals will be eligible for the higher appointment only if the referrals enlist into the DEP or directly into the Marine Corps or SMCR (including awaiting IADT) prior to the individual's graduation from recruit training.

**NOTE 9.** The individual must present full documentation, e.g., official Boy/Girl Scout certificates awarding Eagle/Gold Award status, Naval Sea Cadet Corps promotion/service certificates, etc.

**NOTE 10.** See paragraph 2306 for special procedures.

**NOTE 11.** See MCO 5000.20.

---

---