



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

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Background: The U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps was established by the Navy League of the United States at the request of the Department of the Navy in 1958. On September 10, 1962 the U. S. Congress granted a federal charter under Public Law 87-655 as a non-profit training and education organization for young men and women, ages 13 to 17. Under the Sea Cadet umbrella, the Navy League Cadet Corps was established for youth, ages 11 to 13. In close cooperation with the Navy and Coast Guard, the Cadet Corps program allows young people to sample military life without any obligation to join any branch of the Armed Forces. Cadets and adult leaders are authorized to wear the Navy uniform, appropriately modified with a distinctive Sea Cadet insignia.

Objectives: (1) To develop an interest and skill in seamanship and seagoing subjects; (2) To instill in Cadets an appreciation of our maritime history, customs and traditions; (3) To build a sense of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence, and similar qualities which will mold good character and citizenship: and, (4) To make Cadets aware of the prestige of a military career.

Activities: Throughout the year approximately 8500 Cadets, supported by 1680 adults, in 300 units nationwide learn about basic military, nautical and aviation skills, participate in physical fitness and recreational activities and attend classes on a wide range of subjects from drug and alcohol abuse to citizenship. During the summer months, first year Cadets attend a two-week Navy-style hoot camp, either at Great Lakes, Illinois, or at a regional site conducted by Naval Sea Cadet officers augmented by active duty and reserve personnel. After completing boot camp, Cadets may participate in a wide variety of activities and specialized training such as shipboard duty, airman, constructionman, SEAL training, submarine training, music school, medical training and recruiting assistance. Special leadership training is conducted for Cadet Petty Officers as they advance in the Corps.

International Exchange: The Naval Sea Cadet Corps offers an International Exchange program where cadets have the opportunity to travel and train with Sea Cadets of foreign countries such as Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, The Netherlands, Sweden and many others. Scholarships: Through contributions from foundations, corporations and private donations, deserving Cadets receive grants to help offset costs for summer training expenses. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps sponsors a number of college scholarships for those Cadets who wish to further their education.

Summary: The entire Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is directed toward development of young men and women under the concept of the "whole person". The Cadet program promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation; hut, more importantly, instills in every Cadet a sense of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence, and those qualities which mold strong moral character and self-discipline in an anti-drug anti-alcohol, anti-tobacco and anti-gang environment.

Request: Congressional funding is essential to expand the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps into more communities and school systems. Funding to offset adult leader training and Cadet training costs, including transportation and uniform expenses, commensurate with that received by other youth programs associated with military services, is needed to increase program access by America's youth and develop the fine citizens our country needs and deserves. **FY 2001 authorization and appropriation of \$2 million for the young men and women of the U, S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is requested.**

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