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Question of the Week

Q, Are there any programs out there that will pay for an enlisted member to attend school full time without going to OCS?

A. Yes, the [CSPI](#) (college student pre-commissioning initiative) meets this criteria. The [CSPI](#) is a Coast Guard scholarship program for college. The program provides a monthly salary, full tuition, some fees, and the cost of some books during the student's junior and senior year. Members in the program must attend enlisted basic training, and participate in various Coast Guard training events throughout the duration of the program. During their junior year, CSPI students attend the Officer Indoctrination School at the Coast Guard Academy, or receive on-the-job training at various Coast Guard operational units. Upon graduation, members are guaranteed the opportunity to attend Coast Guard OCS. Applicant must attend one of the colleges below.

1. *Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)* [click here for accredited universities](#)
2. *Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI)* [click here for accredited universities](#)
3. *Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU)* [click here for accredited universities](#)
4. *The following colleges and universities located in Guam, Hawaii, and Alaska:*
 - (a) *University of Guam*
 - (b) *University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hilo, and West Oahu*
 - (c) *Argosy University - Hawaii*
 - (d) *Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture*

**** **During the CSPI program you can apply for the [WIFI](#) program**

If you have a question you'd like answered as a Question of the Week, e-mail it to me at Kristi.L.Hilton@uscg.mil.

Officer Program Application Submission Deadlines

The FY12 message from the Coast Guard Recruiting Command (CGRC) describing the various officer programs, eligibility requirements, and submission deadlines was published on Monday, 08 August 2011 (ALCGRECRUITING 010/11, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/Education/doc/alcgrecruiting010-11.pdf>).

This quote from Andy Webb's newsletter, "While I'll be glad to help you understand what's required. I will not review or edit your narrative memo or review your completed application folder. I trust that anyone applying for an officer program can figure out what is needed. That's what junior officers are expected to do. The amount of someone else's advice on wording, syntax, grammar, or organization you incorporate into your memo reduces the percentage of the text that's your product. As much as I want you to succeed, the application is supposed to reflect your thoughts, efforts, and abilities not mine or anyone else's." I have talked to other ESO's and have been encouraged to follow suit. Please pair up with another officer to have completed packets for the October board.



<http://www.uscg.mil/worklife/default.asp> The office of work-life will be at Camp Rilea the third week of Sept. Flyers will soon be distributed by command personnel. Topics include financial counseling, 9/11 Gi Bill, housing, emergency preparedness, and other

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topics that might interest dependents.

Have You Checked Your PDE?

The message with details on the November SWE was published on 29 July
Anyone who plans on taking this SWE should read it carefully. *Particularly important is paragraph 4.A., describing the would-be examinee's responsibilities*

Spouses and Dependents

[National Career Readiness Certificate](#) The National Career Readiness Certificate is a portable, evidence-based credential that measures essential workplace skills and is a reliable predictor of workplace success. It measures Applied Mathematics, Applied Technology, Business Writing, and Fit, Listening for Understanding, Locating Information, Performance, Readiness Indicator, and Reading for Information, Talent, Teamwork and Workplace Observation. This is offered free through one of the Oregon Vet programs. Employers.

Enlisted Individual Development Plan

The first-termer or enlisted member should arrange a meeting with the ESS/ESO to discuss education topics listed on page 16. http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/CG_5357.pd

Reservists

October 15th is the Service Wide. LT Kim Rule is giving it in Portland unless you have made arrangements with Kristi Hilton for another location.

Reserve Resource Guide

In addition to the web site of the Coast Guard Office of Reserve Affairs (<http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/>), Reservists should also check out TraCen Petaluma's Reserve Resource Guide (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/tracenpetaluma/RRG/>). Together, these provide info on and links to info on every facet of Coast Guard affairs related to service in the Reserve.

Selected Reserve Direct Commission deadline is 03OCT11 [Deadlines](#) & [requirements](#)

Consumer Alert about Test Prep Scams

DANTES and several of the national testing programs such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Prometric, and Excelsior College have received numerous complaints regarding test preparation companies selling highly questionable products and services. Before you invest hundreds or thousands of dollars for these preparation programs, beware of:

- Attempts to sell you prep services for many tests at once, with payment up front or on credit.

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- Credit arrangements with a company other than the one selling you the prep service.
- Direct sales contact at your home.
- Promises that you can get college credit without enrolling in college.
- Book lists that include dictionaries or encyclopedias.

Before you buy any test prep service, contact your Education Service Officer or Navy College Education Specialist. Numerous free and low-cost test preparation alternatives are available either at the education center, installation library or through local used college textbook stores.

CollegeWeekLive ---- Dependents info

If you're the parent of a college-bound student or are otherwise interested in getting good information about college, check out [College Week Live](#). CWL is an ongoing on-line college fair to help prospective students in their college planning by connecting them with colleges in a live, interactive environment. You'll be able to find information from dozens of colleges and research scholarships.

Sector Columbia River available testing:

DeVry will begin testing at Sector Columbia River beginning on August 18th. Contact Lacey Torgerson at 503-2036427. Testing is always available at the Portland location.

- Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) - monthly
- CLEP, DSST, – available through DeVry University email LTorgerson@devry.edu
- ASTB testing for OCS
- Air Force University E-Exams <http://www.au.af.mil/au/afiadl/printcatalog-5Nov2010Update.pdf>
- ASVAB as needed
- Proctoring exam services provided
- EOCT/EPME - scheduled (praqs have to be signed off)



College Board has officially announced that it is discontinuing CLEP paper and pencil testing. As a National Test Center we are not allowed to paper test on site. DeVry will be doing online testing.



There is currently an on base math class on Thursday evenings. The next math session will begin in January.



If you're leaving the Coast Guard within the next twelve months (whether through retirement, resignation, or expiration of your enlistment), you should be making plans for what you'll be doing after you take off your uniform for the last time. During the transition to leaving you might check out: [preparation counseling checklist](#)

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Are You a Military Veteran Seeking Federal Employment?

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has a veterans' employment web site called "Feds Hire Vets" (<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/>). Its purpose is to implement the federal government's strategy for recruiting and employing military veterans. It's intended to be the preeminent source for federal employment information for veterans, transitioning service members, and their families. And (courtesy of Brion Newman, full-time ESO at Base Seattle) the state of Maryland also has a similar site called the Military to Federal Jobs Crosswalk (Mil2FedJobs, <http://www.mil2fedjobs.com/>) to help you "translate military occupations to federal jobs".

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