

New Era Begins in Navy Education With STA-21

Seaman To Admiral-21 (STA-21), is designed to meet Navy officer accession goals in the 21st century, while creating a fair and equitable system for outstanding active-duty Sailors to receive a top-notch college education and become commissioned officers.

STA-21 combines the original STA program, ECP, AECP, NECP, CECECP, fleet accession to NROTC, and the BOOST program.

STA-21 selectees will spend 8 weeks in Newport, R.I., as students at the Naval Science Institute (NSI), and some will spend 3-6 months of academic preparation as BOOST students prior to NSI training.

STA-21 makes college extremely cost effective for Sailors, allotting up to \$10,000 per year to be used for tuition, books and fees incurred by attending college full time for the entire year.

In addition to the \$10,000 annual voucher, Sailors receive their base pay and BAH, are eligible for advancement, and many will be eligible for fleet housing units as well.

In short, students can attend school for free — in most cases — and enjoy their active-duty pay and benefits; the Navy gets new officers faster than ever, and the streamlined process saves money.



For more information, go to www.sta-21.navy.mil; see NAVADMIN 128/01; call DSN 922-9451/9447, (850) 452-9451/9447, or 1-800-NAV-ROTC; or send an e-mail to sta21@cnet.navy.mil

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