

This is a PREVIEW of the application.

Do NOT fill out this application.

The online application will be available at  
<https://teacheratsea.noaa.gov>

on

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

and close on

Friday, December 12, 2025 at

11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

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NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program Application  
2026 Field Season

Your application and recommendations, and uploaded examples are due Friday, December 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PACIFIC Time.

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](mailto: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 Friday, December 12, 2025 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

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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:

\* 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:

\* Work Phone:

\* Work Email Address:

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**Additional Information**

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

\* Citizenship:  ▼

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:

- |                               |                               |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1992 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2010 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1993 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1994 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1995 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2004 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1996 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2005 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2022 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1997 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2006 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2007 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2025 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2009 |                               |                               |

\* Type of School/Employer:  ▼

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

School/Employer Population:

School/Employer Ethnicity Percentages (Percentages must add up to 100. No decimals.):

Unknown

American Indian/Native Alaskan	<input type="text"/>	%
Asian	<input type="text"/>	%
Black/African American	<input type="text"/>	%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<input type="text"/>	%
White	<input type="text"/>	%
Hispanic	<input type="text"/>	%
Mixed Ethnicity/Other	<input type="text"/>	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	

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Percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch:  %

Average Class Size:

\* 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
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* 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.**

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\* University degree or other academic experience or qualifications:

- |  |                      |              |
|--|----------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's                  | <input type="text"/> | (Major)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master's                    | <input type="text"/> | (Discipline) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.                       | <input type="text"/> | (Discipline) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Degree/Qualifications |                      |              |

Other degree/qualification description(s):

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### 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
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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\* 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 Mexico
- Northwest
- Southwest
- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Other

Other port/area:

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Questionnaire

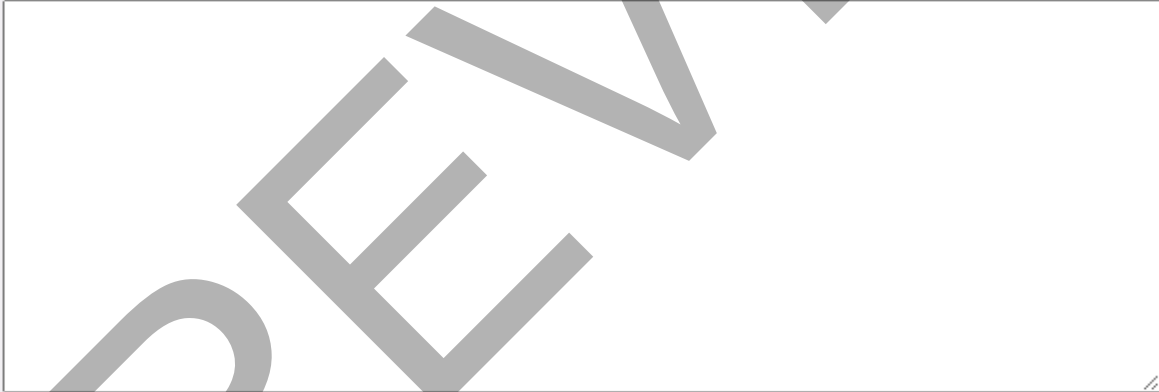
\* 1. NOAA's primary interest in this program is the way in which teachers will incorporate the experience into their classroom activities, help colleagues do the same, and share this with their community. How do you envision using this experience to benefit your students, colleagues, and community?

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\* 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.

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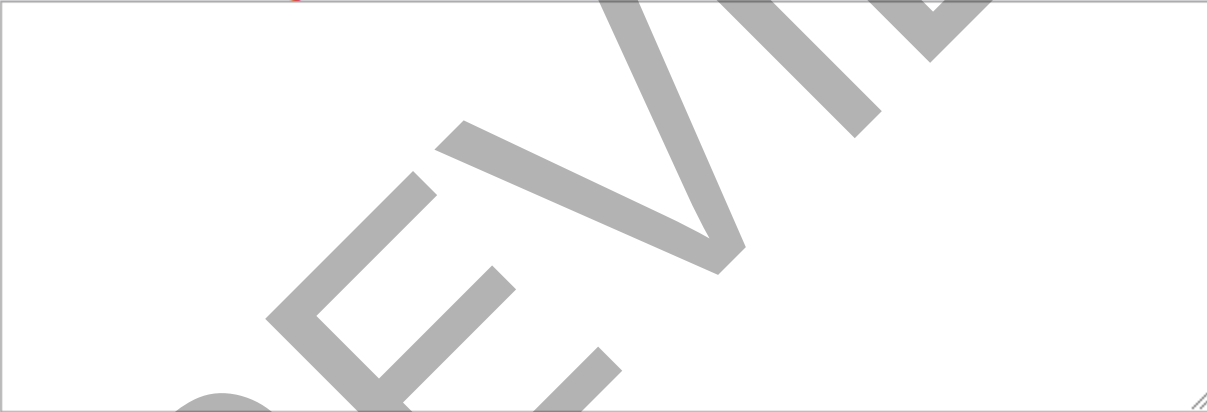


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\* 3. Describe how you work as a member of a team. Use examples from your own experience that detail your role and the contributions you made to the team effort.  
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\* 4. Discuss your ability to adapt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

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION - OMB Control Number 0648-0283; Expiration Date 11/30/2026

NOAA conducts the Teacher at Sea Program in order to promote oceanographic and related education. The information obtained from the recommendation will be used in the selection of the teachers who will be accepted for participation in the program, and an application is required for acceptance. The information submitted on this form will not be treated confidentially. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 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 collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program, 200 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

**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: **Friday, December 12, 2025 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:

Completed?

**Colleague's Recommendation**

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Verify Email:

Completed?

**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: **Friday, December 12, 2025 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.

Upload New File:  No file chosen

Current Uploads:

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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 Friday, December 12, 2025 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