

## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE STUDENT PRE-COMMISSIONING INITIATIVE (CSPI)

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that by entering the College Student Pre-commissioning Initiative (CSPI) of the United States Coast Guard, I
- a. Agree to enlist in the regular U. S. Coast Guard as an E-3 with a four (4) year active duty and a four-year inactive duty reserve obligation.
  - b. Understand and agree that, as an E-3 in the United States Coast Guard, I am subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and am required to abide by all U. S. Coast Guard policies and regulations.
  - c. Agree to successfully complete all required Coast Guard training for the CSPI program. I understand required training includes Recruit Basic Training, Officer Candidate School (OCS), periodic fitness evaluations, and additional training as directed.
  - d. Agree to report to the local Recruiting Office for semi-annual weigh in periods and remain in compliance with Coast Guard weight and body fat standards.
  - e. Agree to be assigned to the first available Coast Guard OCS class upon successful completion of my baccalaureate degree and CSPI program requirements.
  - f. Agree and understand that, at any time during my participation in the CSPI, if there is a change in my status that would render me not available for world-wide deployment, or otherwise unqualified for OCS, per the Coast Guard Recruiting Manual, COMDTINST M1100.2 (series), I must immediately notify the Coast Guard Recruiting Command (CGRC).
  - g. Agree that upon successful completion of OCS, I will be discharged from my enlisted status and be commissioned as Ensign in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.
  - h. Agree to serve in an active duty status for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of my commissioning. Immediately after OCS graduation this statement of understanding will be superseded, and concluded.
  - i. Am not a conscientious objector. My religious, moral and ethical beliefs do not conflict with my ability to perform unrestricted military duty on a 24 –hour basis.
  - j. Understand that all expenditures will be reviewed by the program coordinator each semester. I agree to take advantage of opportunities and exercise fiscal responsibility by considering the purchase of used books, in-state tuition and any special incentives for military personnel.
2. I acknowledge that I may be removed from the CSPI program if I fail to meet any of the program requirements outlined above or if I fail to:
- a. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of a 2.5, both semester and cumulative, on a 4.0 scale.
  - b. Maintain marks of 4 or higher in all dimensions of the Enlisted Performance Evaluation.
  - c. Maintain physical, medical, and security clearance accession standards for commissioning for the duration of enrollment in the program.
  - d. Complete all university/college degree requirements in accordance with the approved degree outline; no later than 24 months from the date I enter the CSPI program. If it appears that I will be unable to complete my degree program in the allotted time, I will notify CGRC immediately.

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(month)

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(year)

3. I further understand and acknowledge that each semester I agree to complete and submit all appropriate administrative forms and official grade reports or transcripts as required by the CSPI Program.

4. I further agree to:

- a. Attend classes as a resident student on campus and wear my Coast Guard uniform (Tropical Blue Long or SDB) at least once a week while attending college classes, and during other school activities as appropriate.
- b. Develop and execute an Individual Development Plan (IDP) and work a minimum of 16 hours per month under the direction of the Recruiter in Charge for the duration of my enrollment in the program.
- c. When not enrolled in classes, report to the Recruiter in Charge or duty stations. Failure to do so will be considered an authorized absence (UA) or absence without leave and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).
- d. Notify the Recruiter in Charge prior to or immediately upon knowledge of any change to my dependent status and remain fully available for unrestricted world-wide assignment.
- e. If unable to meet any of the requirements in the Statement of Understanding (SOU) or do not graduate from OCS and receive my commission, will be removed from the program and be required to serve the remainder of the original active duty enlistment contract or incur one month of active duty obligation for every month enrolled in the program, which ever is greater. CGRC will transfer administrative control of the member to Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-epm), for reassignment within the Coast Guard. Extended active duty service obligation cannot exceed six years.

5. If I fail to complete the specified period of active duty service, I understand that pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 U.S.C. 101, section 2005, and section 303a(e) of title 37 U.S.C., I may be required to reimburse the Coast Guard for any expenses they have paid towards the cost of my college education.

6. In general, this Statement of Understanding serves to facilitate the officer commissioning scholarship program designed to provide professional development to college students who demonstrate the leadership potential to serve as commissioned officers in the U. S. Coast Guard. As such each member of this program will meet the moral, social and behavioral standards of commissioned officers in the Coast Guard and be fully adapted to the role of mature, responsible adults.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) at

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(city) (state)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE/PRINT name/title) (SIGN name/title)

WITNESS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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