



MARAD FACT SHEET

State Maritime Academies



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Strategic Objective: Assure that sufficient sealift capability and intermodal transportation infrastructure exists to support vital homeland and national security interests.

Vision: "A U.S. maritime workforce that furthers the economic and national security interests of the Nation."

Mission: To educate and supply a cadre of highly trained U.S. merchant mariners.

Maritime Education is Transportation Education!

The State Maritime Academies

The Federal Government has provided continuous assistance to State Maritime Schools (SMS) for nearly 130 years; principally by furnishing and maintaining training ships (school ships), and through direct payments to support the related shore side academic institutions. MARAD, through its immediate predecessor the United States Maritime Commission, assumed responsibility for this program in 1940. *The underlying premise for federal support of Maritime Education and Training programs has remained essentially unchanged over time - to provide highly qualified entry-level personnel to maintain the nation's pool of skilled merchant mariners.*

The six state maritime academies are: State University of New York Maritime College in Ft. Schuyler, Bronx, NY; Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, MA; California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA; Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME; Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston, TX; and the Great Lakes Maritime Academy, Traverse City, MI.



USS St. Mary's, the first Federal Schoolship—1874

On December 10, 1874, then Captain Stephen B. Luce, delivered the sloop-of-war USS ST. MARY's to the City of New York, and established the New York Nautical School. The NYNS was the first nautical school established under the Nautical School Ship Act, passed by the Congress in June 1874.

Nearly 129 years later, the nation's latest training ship, ENTERPRISE, was delivered to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Although her name recalls a steam-driven sloop-of-war, the similarities end there! ENTERPRISE was commissioned on National Maritime Day, May 22, 2003.



ENTERPRISE returns from sea trials, January 2003.

The Federal Program

MARAD's "SMS" budget provides three means of financial support to the academies; annual Direct Payments of \$200,000 to each school; the Student Incentive Payment (SIP) program which supports a number of SMS students in exchange for a post-graduation commitment; and the maintenance and repair (M&R) of the six federally-furnished school ships.

Direct Payments (\$1.2M) - MARAD provides an annual payment of \$200,000 to each academy to support the Federal licensing curriculum. **Student Incentive Payments (\$1.2M)** - Enrolled students receive annual payments of \$3,000 for up to four years. In return, graduates commit to maintain their U.S. Coast Guard license for six years, to remain employed in the maritime industry for a minimum of three years after graduation, and to serve as a commissioned officer of a U. S. armed forces reserve unit. **School ship Maintenance & Repair (\$9.1M)** - MARAD's Schoolship M&R Program contracts for all inspection, survey, maintenance and repair of the six school ships, and oversees the preventive maintenance programs undertaken by the academies. We then partner with the state academies to maximize the combined effectiveness of any remaining Federal resources and those of the states.