

WOMEN'S RESERVE OF THE U.S. NAVAL RESERVE -- OFFICERS' TRAINING

The Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve (otherwise known as Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service, WAVES) is a part of the Navy, and its members are assigned Navy ranks and ratings, with the pertinent pay and perquisites. They are under military discipline and uniformed, but will be assigned to duty only at shore establishments within continental United States, to perform a variety of duties previously performed by officers and enlisted men who will thus be made available for sea duty. This page relates only to the appointment and training of officer candidates and probationary officers.

Requirements
for Officer
Candidates
(Candidates
for V-9
Training)

Age: Between 20th and 30th birthdays

Examinations: Physical- General good health and absence of major physical defects. Minimum height, 60 inches; minimum weight, 95 pounds; no maximum, but proportions must be good
Mental- An intelligence test

Education: Baccalaureate degree from a recognized college, or in lieu thereof, 2 years of college credits toward a degree plus at least 2 years of business or professional experience

Other: Citizen of U.S.; may be unmarried or married with no children. Wives of men in any branch of the armed services are not eligible

Training

Four months, normally consisting of 1 month in the grade of apprentice seaman for basic indoctrination, and 3 months in the rank of midshipman. Upon successful completion recommended candidates will be commissioned as Ensigns

Pay

Same as men in equal ratings or ranks: As apprentice seaman, \$50 a month; as midshipman, \$65 a month; as Ensign, base pay of \$150 a month (for additional allowances of officers, see page 1-k). Newly commissioned officers receive an initial uniform allowance of \$250

Period of
Service

Duration of the war plus six months

Where to
Apply

All applicants must write to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement (such offices are located in 15 principal cities), to ask for preliminary application forms. First letter should state age, education, and any other qualifications the prospective applicant thinks pertinent

Probationary
Officers

The Women's Reserve will also accept applications from women of high technical or administrative qualifications for immediate appointment as probationary officers. If accepted, such applicants will take 1 month of indoctrination training in probationary status. Requirements are the same as for officer candidates except that probationary officers may be between the ages of 21 and 50 years, and have no children under 18 years of age. Apply in writing to nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement