

## SAW Applicant FAQ

**Q1:** Last year's SAW Application is still on the SAW Website, am I missing something?

**A:** **The updated AY13 SAW Application is now posted on the SAW website.**

**Q2:** Is the application on the SAW website meant to be a template to guide applicants in submitting a standard naval letter or is it meant to be a form?

**A:** **It is a form.**

**Q3:** If it is a form, is there an electronic version available to enter data into the required fields?

**A:** **Both Resident and Non-Resident application forms provided on the school's web page now have fields so that applicants and RS/Regional Coordinators can add comments to them.**

**Q4:** I graduated from Resident Command and Staff in 20XX...now working at XXX MEF. Do I need to work through the CSCDEP Regional Coordinator (RC) out here in XXX for the Application process?

**A:** **Yes, if you experience any problems contact CDET: MR. DENNIS CHINAULT, COMM (703) 784- 5971/DSN 278-5971 OR [dennis.chinault@usmc.mil](mailto:dennis.chinault@usmc.mil)**

**Q5:** Are applicants allowed to submit additional enclosures beyond the three enclosures required in the SAW application?

**A:** **Yes, the identified enclosures are the minimum. You may submit more enclosures if needed based on your particular situation.**

**Q6:** After reviewing the application and consulting the XXX CDET Regional Coordinator, I understand that considerable weight is placed upon ILS performance and Adjunct Professor recommendations. Unfortunately, I completed CSDEP in 20XX as a Capt when only pass fail grades were recorded and I do not have any contact information for my CSDEP instructors nor believe any meaningful recommendation is possible. Can I offer, in place of CSDEP grades and instructor recommendations, additional material from other sources?

**A:** **Yes**

**Q7:** I am a student at ILE at Fort Leavenworth. I am interested in applying for SAW. Is this something that would be open to me and if it is, how would I apply?

**A:** See website <http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/Pages/SAW.aspx> and read message: <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/MARADMIN531-11.aspx/>

Also,

**Q8:** Does the application process accept Letters of Recommendations?

**A: Yes**

**Q9:** In reference to letters of recommendation is there anything specific SAW is looking for or desires?

**A: Any documentation that demonstrates your character, competence, and creativity to excel as a future staff officer and commander.**

**Q10:** I am seeking letters of recommendation; do you prefer those recommendations are sent to you and/or the Director by email, phone call, or an official letter of recommendation by mail?

**A: Resident ILS students should** email letters of recommendation with your **resident applications** to Ms Zena Gibbs [zena.gibbs@usmc.mil](mailto:zena.gibbs@usmc.mil) (703)432-5318/DSN 278.

**A: CDET ILS students/graduates** should email letters of recommendation with your **non-resident applications** to the CDET RC, listed below, who will then screen the application for completeness, provide the appropriate feedback and endorsement, and forward it to the CDET operations officer for delivery to SAW.

Completed applications from non-resident ILS applicants may either be mailed by the CDET RC or emailed to [dennis.chinault@usmc.mil](mailto:dennis.chinault@usmc.mil) . All SAW applications from non-resident students must be delivered to CDET operations **NLT 17 Oct** to ensure the applications are logged and delivered to SAW prior to the **19 Oct** deadline.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON CDET RCS IS AVAILABLE AT THE CDET WEBSITE [www.tecom.usmc.mil/cdet](http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/cdet) SELECT  
"FOR FACULTY" AND THEN SELECT "REGIONAL COORDINATORS".

**Q11:** Can I schedule an interview for the SAW Selection Board (AY 2012-2013) between XXX and  
XXX?

**A:** Read the message for the interview dates, if the dates will not work for your situation,  
contact Ms Zena Gibbs [zena.gibbs@usmc.mil](mailto:zena.gibbs@usmc.mil) to find alternate dates for interviews.

**Q12.** What is the approximate timeframe (dates) for the interviews?

**A:** Interview dates for SAW selection board are: **24 Oct-15 Nov 2011**. Interview location will be  
**Rm 11, BLDG 3070, 3070 Moreell Ave, Quantico VA. 22134.**

Interviews will also be conducted in October at:

**Ft. Leavenworth, KS (US Army Command & General Staff College)**

**Newport, RI (Naval War College)**

**Maxwell AFB, AL. (USAF Air Command & Staff College)**

**See POCs above to schedule interviews**

**Q13.** What uniform is required for the interview?

**A: Utility uniform and sister-service equivalent. At other ILS interview sites, uniform of the day.**

**Q14:** How does Marine 0505 follow-on assignment work to include the whole populations of SAMS, SAS, and SAW graduates?

**A: 0505 assignments are the same as assignments for your PMOS. That is, MMOA attempts to meet the needs of the unit with the desires/career progression of the Marine. MMOA works hand in hand with the SAW Director for initial 0505 assignments. MMOA will travel to your respective school to discuss your specific situation.**

**Q15:** Is there a holistic view of Marine Corps 0505 assignments?

**A: Yes, as stated above: “meet the needs of the unit with the desires/career progression of the Marine.”**

**Q16:** How does SAW incorporate the wishes of the other advanced school Marine Students as it relates to their follow-on assignments?

**A: Attending another school does not leave you at a disadvantage in terms of 0505 assignments.**