STAR Center

Simulation, Training, Assessment & Research

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STAR Center is a not-for-profit maritime training facility that is the top choice of inland and ocean-going professional mariners throughout the world. Opening in 1983 in Toledo, Ohio, STAR Center expanded to Dania in 1986. STAR Center's South Florida location offers a wide range of training.

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STAR Center Dania Beach FL

Information Online:

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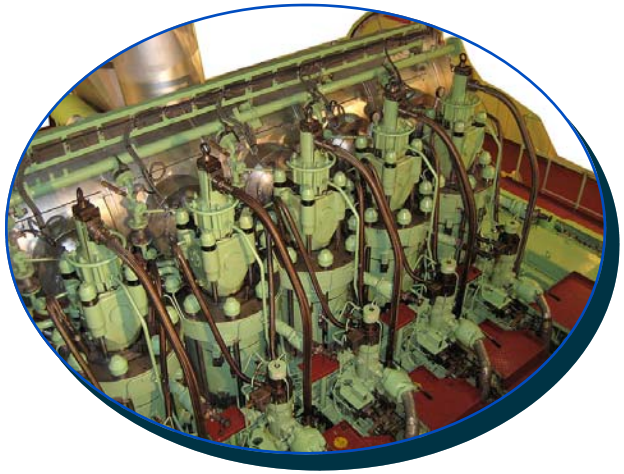

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Is a Seafaring Career for Me?

The seagoing sector of the U.S. maritime industry employs men and women who work on a variety of vessels. While the maritime industry involves many aspects, this program concentrates on work in the engine department. Maritime engineers operate U.S. flagged commercial ships and military sealift vessels sailing on the deep seas, inland waterways and the Great Lakes. They play a vital role in facilitating waterborne commerce and providing critical logistical support for our troops overseas.

Shipboard life can be very demanding but very rewarding. Mariners live and work together aboard ship and may be away from home for months at a time. Jobs are good paying with excellent benefits, including great medical, pensions, large amounts of vacation time, and world travel in an industry that is vital to US commerce and security.

TECH Program

The TECH Program is a comprehensive training program created by STAR Center to support American Maritime Officers (AMO), the largest union of U.S. licensed merchant marine officers.

The purpose is to provide selected high school graduates who want to pursue careers as seagoing marine engineers with the opportunity to proceed on a marine engineering career path and help fill the developing shortage of marine engineers.

The program targets high performing high school graduates with an interest in the merchant marine and mentors them during intense training onboard ship and ashore.

The TECH Program will take approximately 2 years to complete and alternates between classroom training and sea phases.

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At the successful completion of the phases, the candidate will meet the United States Coast Guard requirement to take the USCG Third Assistant Engineer Motor exam. The candidate will prepare for and complete the exam while at STAR Center.

Application Process

There are several components to the application process. Complete details and application deadline dates are available at:

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Fees and Compensation

There is no tuition or room and board fees for this program. Transportation costs incurred in completing the program are covered. The candidate must sign a reimbursement agreement, agreeing to employment with AMO upon completion of the program.

There are initial fees to be paid by the candidate for the following (Financial assistance is available):

- Medical and dental examinations
- TSA and USCG fee to obtain Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) and USCG Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)
- Uniform fees for initial phases of the program
- Transportation costs to STAR Center for initial program orientation

While in the program, candidates will receive a small stipend during certain shoreside training and cadet wages during assignments onboard the ships. Candidates will receive Individual medical coverage.

Entry Criteria

Must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, have no criminal record, and be in good physical health.

Must pass an entry academic and aptitude selection screening.

An applicant must be self-motivated to succeed in the classroom and aboard a vessel.

An ideal candidate will be able to handle the mental and physical aspects of shipboard life. Upon arrival at STAR Center, the candidate will be evaluated to determine his or her physical fitness.