

Florida Harbor Pilots Association 2025 Internship Program

The Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA) is seeking highly motivated and detailoriented individuals to participate in a short internship with one of our nine pilot associations from around the state. This internship offers a unique opportunity to work closely with experienced harbor pilots, gaining hands-on exposure in navigating vessels through challenging and confined waterways, while ensuring safety, efficiency, and compliance with maritime regulations. Chosen candidates will receive all pre-approved travel expenses to attend a short training session with a pilot association in Florida.

This internship program is open to all cadets from one of the seven national maritime academies, who show enthusiasm and aptitude for a possible career as a state harbor pilot.

To qualify for this internship, the successful candidate must:

- Be enrolled in one of the following maritime academies: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Maine Maritime Academy, S.U.N.Y. Maritime College, California Maritime Academy, Texas A&M University at Galveston, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, or Great Lakes Maritime Academy
- Have completed at least their first-year sea-term requirements and have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Be planning to pursue a career as a state harbor pilot, preferably in the State of Florida
- Write a maximum 300-word essay explaining why they are interested in becoming a harbor pilot
- > Submit at least one letter of recommendation from their academic faculty





Deadline to apply for this internship is April 30, 2025. Additional information and the application form are also available at <u>www.floridapilots.com</u>.

Please provide the following information:

Full Name
[] Male or [] Female
Current mailing address
Permanent mailing address
Mobile Number
Email Address
Academy you attend
Current academic year: [] Freshman [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior
Anticipated Graduation Date
Overall GPA
Have you completed your first-year sea-term requirements
I certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also give my consent, if selected, to have my name and picture published by the FHPA for marketing purposes. If selected, you must provide proof of current enrollment and GPA.
Signature
Date

To apply, submit your completed application, essay, letter of reference and any additional information you wish to be considered in **one pdf file** to <u>Gretchen@floridapilots.com</u> by April 30, 2025.