



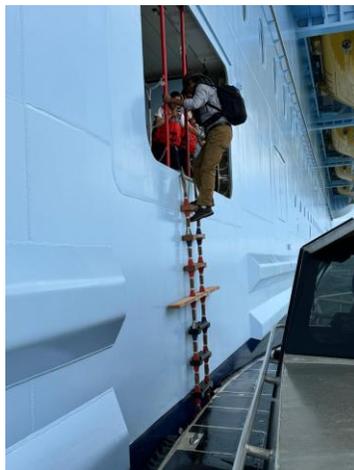
Florida Harbor Pilots Association 2026 Internship Program

The Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA) is seeking highly motivated and detail-oriented 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, SUNY 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, 2026. Additional information and the application form are also available at www.floridapilots.com.

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 Gretchen@floridapilots.com by April 30, 2026.