Unlicensed Apprentice Program  
(1 year)

This program is for entry level seafarers with little or no maritime experience for a seafaring career. The training covers the duties and responsibilities of seamanship in the three shipboard departments: DECK, ENGINE, STEWARD, through curriculum that includes both classroom learning and hands-on training. Please contact SIU Representatives; Hazel Galbiso or Amber Akana located at 606 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96819, PH: 808-845-5222 for more information.

Online applications can be found on www.seafarers.org. Click on “TRAINING AND CAREERS”, “ADMISSIONS” a pulldown bar for the “Apprentice Program Overview”.

Tuition, Room and Board Free.

**Step 1- 30 Days**

Must provide the following:

1. 400 word essay (why I want to be a merchant mariner)
2. 2 letters of recommendation (non-family member) (1 from prior employer if applicable)
3. Must take READING and MATH test at the SIU hall
   (may use a calculator provided by union hall, NO CELL PHONES)

**Step 2- 90 days**

Must provide the following COPIES:

1. (TWIC)Transportation Workers Identification Credential. TWIC appointment can be scheduled online at www.tsa.gov/twic or by calling 1-855-347-8371. Location at 810 Richard Street, Suite 340, Honolulu, Hawaii. Cost-$125.25
2. **(MMC) Merchant Mariners Credential/Medical Certificate.** You must apply for OS, WI, Steward Department (FH). For information and or an application for a Merchant Mariner’s Credential, go online [http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/) or stop by at USCG Honolulu Regional Exam Center, Honolulu Harbor, Pier 4, 433 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813. PH: 808-522-8264. You must take a USCG exam and Drug Test and submit with application.

   **Cost- $140.00**

3. **VALID PASSPORT.** May apply at the Honolulu Federal Building located at 300 Ala Moana Boulevard Honolulu, HI 96850 or at any U.S. Post Office.  

   **Cost-$110.00**

4. **DENTAL LETTER.** Letter from a dentist on letterhead specifically stating that the applicant does not have any cavities, pyorrhea, or periodontal disease and currently needs no work to be done. The letter must contain a current date.

   Applicants will then take the USCG exam ($50), Drug Test ($60), Benzene exam ($50), Yellow Fever vaccine ($160). **Total cost $320.00**

   **Uniforms: All year round $445.00**

   **Travel account to be held at SHLSS $200.00**

   **Travel to Piney Point.** Rates vary between the airports: (BWI) Baltimore International Airport, (IAD) Washington Dulles, and (DCA) Ronald Reagan National Airport.
Training for this program held at SHLSS, Piney Point:

**PHASE I (15 weeks)**
Orientation  
Vessel Familiarization  
Shipboard Sanitation  
Lifeboat  
Maritime Security Awareness  
Basic Firefighting  
First Aid & CPR  
Galley Familiarization  
Social Responsibilities  
Vessel Operations & Maintenance

**PHASE II (90 days)**
Shipboard training non-crew member unlicensed apprentice, 30 days in each department. Must submit a Sea Project and copy of their discharge.

**PHASE III (7 weeks)**
Specific skills training for the department pursing: Deck, Engine, or Steward Department.

**PHASE IV (5 months)**
Employment aboard an SIU-contracted vessel as an entry level for a minimum of 120 days.

**PHASE V**
Completion of upgrading class for: AS-Deck, AB-Engine, Certified Chief Cook.

Member will receive credit upon completion of program, able to ship in a rated capacity, guaranteed 1st shipboard employment, rated “B” seniority, take advanced courses.