



Commissioner's Waterman's Apprentice Program

Application Form For Calander Year 2026

Applicant's age shall be no less than 12 years of age at time of accepted application by program.

Applicants Last Name 	Applicant's First Name 	Applicant's Middle Initial 	Applicant's Birthdate
IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD PLEASE COMPLETE WITH PARENT / GUARDIAN INFOPRMATION	Parent / Guardian Last Name 	Parent / Guardian First Name 	Does the applicant already possess an MRC ID? Yes No If Yes, Provide Applicant's MRC ID:
Primary Contact Phone Number (Check all that apply) Home Work Parent /Guardian			
Secondary Contact Phone Number (Optional, check all that apply) Home Work Parent /Guardian			
Mailing Address 			
City 	State 	Zip Code 	
Email Address 		Email Address (Parent Guardian), if applicable 	

Mentor Information: *VMRC is encouraging all Applicants to work with a Mentor during their apprenticeship*

YES, I have a Mentor(s) (e.g. Commercial Waterman, Licensed Charter Boat Captain, Licensed Seafood Dealer, Bait Shop Owner) willing to volunteer and assist me with my apprenticeship.

NO, I do not have a Mentor(s) (e.g. Commercial Waterman, Licensed Charter Boat Captain, Licensed Seafood Dealer, Bait Shop Owner) and need assistance to find a volunteer to assist me with my Apprenticeship.

If you checked **YES** above, provide the name and MRC ID Number below for at least one mentor, if you have two, please provide the same information below.

Mentor's Last Name 	Mentor's First Name 	Mentor's MRC ID (If Applicable)
Secondary Mentor's Last Name 	Secondary Mentor's First Name 	Secondary Mentor's MRC ID (If Applicable)

All MENTORS: To ensure the highest standards of mentorship, mentors undergo a vetting process based on their past history as industry licensees. This Includes checks on license purchases and transfers, review of past mandatory harvest reports, currently licensed ability to provide training in specific fisheries such as blue crab and public oyster harvest, and inquiries to verify and major violations (e.g. felonies). It is essential that mentors fulfill their responsibilities to support lawful, responsible, and knowledgeable future Waterman.

Additional Questions: This section must be complete in a short paragraph form. (minimum of 3-4 sentences)

Please describe your interest in the Commissioner’s Waterman’s Apprentice Program and if accepted, what are your outcome goals?

Have you served or are currently serving in the U.S
Armed Forces? If yes, which branch of service? Yes No

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The information that I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and subject to validation by VMRC. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation, false statement or omission of a fact in my application may be justification for not being accepted into the VMRC Commissioner’s Apprentice Program.

If selected for the VMRC Commissioner’s Apprentice Program, you will comply with all rules, regulations, and policies of the program, as well as any additional rules the VMRC may provide to you.

Applicant Signature	Applicant Print Name	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Name	Date

CLEAR AND ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY EMAIL BY NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Please return completed applications through email to:

Commissioner@mrc.virginia.gov

Or through mail to:

Commissioner’s Waterman Apprentice Program
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Rd Ft. Monroe, VA 23651

For Questions, please call (948)-229-1570