

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Midshipman Questionnaire

**Do you qualify to be a Midshipman in 1812?**

**Read the questions below and check yes or no.**

**1. Can you read and write?**

- NO - Sorry! You won't be able to perform your duties as a Midshipman without these skills.
- YES - Off to a good start! A Midshipman needs reading, writing, grammar, and penmanship skills to keep an official journal. Officers in training also need to know math and geography for navigation.

**2. Do you have seafaring experience?**

- NO -That's okay! It is not required.
- YES - 58% of Midshipmen have previous seafaring experience.

**3. Do you come from a coastal state?**

- NO- No problem. Midshipmen come from all regions of the United States
- YES - The majority of Midshipman come from Atlantic coastal states.

**4. Are you between the ages of 12 and 18?**

- NO - That's all right. Boys younger than twelve and men over twenty can serve as Midshipmen.
- YES - You're in good company. The average age is 17.

**5. Do you have a letter of recommendation from a senator?**

- NO - You will have to get one!
- YES - Good! Political and social connections are essential to gain an appointment as a Midshipman.

*Even if you have all the qualifications necessary, your chances of becoming a Midshipman are only one in ten.*