

U.S. Coast Guard
Light Station Boston

Application

Boston Light Watchstander Program for training as an Assistant Keeper

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**Note: This is an on-the-job training program with no written materials available.
“Self-study” for qualifying is not an option.**

About yourself:

How did you hear about the program?

Own an ODU with sewn-on or Velcro **member** collar devices: ____ Yes ____ No

Number of years in Aux _____ Boat Crew Qualified _____ or anticipated date to qual _____

Qualifications (VE, IT, etc.) _____

Staff Officers held (past & present)

Personal Skills/hobbies

Interest in on-the job advanced training as an Assistant Keeper

Boston Light is the last staffed Coast Guard Light Station in the country with one Coast Guard civilian (paid) Keeper and a cadre of CG Auxiliary trained Assistant Keepers staffing the island and maintaining the grounds. This is on-the-job advanced training with a 3-5 year commitment being sought by candidates. Rotation for duty is either Sun-Wed or Wed-Sun. Once qualified, Assistant Keepers perform at least one duty per year during the months of May-Oct. Candidates need to possess innate social skills to appropriately interact with the Keeper, visitors, co-Auxiliarists, Coast Guard personnel, and members of the other “partners” of the Boston Harbor Islands National & State Parks. Candidates also need to be physically capable of safely performing such tasks as climbing the 100 foot tower twice a day, grounds work (mowing the lawn, painting), while maintaining situational awareness at all time. Refer to the *Assistant Keeper – Watchstander Task Description* for further expectations.

This is one-of-a-kind program available to the CG Auxiliary. What draws you to it?

Bearing in mind the demands of the program, describe personal qualities that you have to offer.

What would you personally like to achieve from participating as an Auxiliary Assistant Keeper at Boston Light?

Your Questions and Concerns

Please list questions and/or concerns that you have about participating in the program.