The Steamship Authority

2027 Preferred Program Application

WHAT IS THE PREFERRED PROGRAM?

Enrollment in the Preferred Program gives access to Preferred Spaces, which are spaces set aside on certain trips each day that are available to book either 30 days (in the summer schedule), seven days or one day in advance of travel. Preferred Program members can also participate in Head Start, which allows account holders to make advance summer reservations before the general public.



Martha's Vineyard Preferred Space reservations can be made starting at 7:30 a.m. Reservations can be made online at steamshipauthority.com, by calling our reservation line at (508) 477-8600, or in person at the Vineyard Haven Terminal.



Nantucket Preferred Space reservations can be made starting at 5:30 a.m. in person at the Nantucket Terminal or starting at 7:30 a.m. online at steamshipauthority.com or by phone at (508) 477-8600.

HOW DO PREFERRED SPACES WORK?

- Travel has to originate from either Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard.
- The off-island portion of the round trip must be used in order for the return ticket to be valid and to receive access to a Preferred Space.
- Preferred Spaces may not be used for commercial or business purposes.
- Travelers using Preferred Spaces may not carry cargo, freight, or passengers for commercial purposes.
- Eligible individuals are limited to one Preferred Space reservation per day, which can be either one-way or round-trip. The return travel does not have to be on the same day as the departure.
- Preferred Space reservations must be paid for in full at the time of booking.
- Preferred Space reservations are not refundable and cannot be transferred to another customer.
- The vehicle must be registered in the applicant's name or meet the other criteria listed below for leased vehicles or vehicles registered to a business.
- The vehicle must be less than twenty-two (22) feet in length.
- Travelers must list any vehicle model extras that are not included on the registration and that may affect the measurable size of the vehicle.

HOW DO I ENROLL?

1 Step One: Determine what documentation you need

PROOF OF VEHICLE



FOR ALL VEHICLES:
You will need a copy of the registration(s) with address(es) for each desired vehicle. Vehicle(s) cannot be registered on multiple accounts.

FOR LEASED VEHICLES:
You will also need a copy of lease agreement pages that show the name of the applicant as owner and that the VIN matches the registration submitted.

FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED TO A BUSINESS:
You will also need a copy of the appropriate insurance coverage selection page showing the applicant as the authorized driver for that vehicle with an island address.

PROOF OF RESIDENCE



You will need copies of two of the following utility bills (which must be in the applying resident's/residents' name(s), issued in the last 30 days and showing an island address)**:**

• Telephone • Water • Electric • Cable/satellite • Trash removal

If the preferred account is listed under two (2) names, both parties must provide complete proof. If two names are on one bill, that qualifies as one submission of proof for each person named on the bill.

2 Step Two: Complete the 2027 Preferred Program Application Form

Please complete this form. If you do not submit a completed form with all of the required documents, it will delay the processing and completion of your application. This may result in the inability of the listed applicant to participate in the Head Start advanced reservation program. If this form is submitted without a signature, it will not be a valid application form, which will result in denial of participation in the program.

If you need assistance with this form, please call the Reservation Office at (508) 477-8600.

Steamship Authority Account Number (formerly called a Profile Number)**:**		
Name(s) of Individual(s) Requesting Preferred Status:		
Island Address:		
Island Phone:	Off-Island Phone (if applicable):	
City:	State:	ZIP:
Mailing Address (if different):		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Cell Phone:		
Email:		
Vehicle add-ons not listed in registration that could affect the length of the vehicle:		

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that the information provided here and the attached proof of residence are true and correct. I hereby authorize the Steamship Authority to contact and communicate with any and all persons who might have knowledge of this information for the purpose of verifying its truth and accuracy. I also agree to abide by the policies relating to the resident Preferred/Preferred Space and the Head Start programs. I understand that vehicle reservations I obtain under these programs are for my personal use as a resident of Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket, outside of the Head Start Program.

If I do not comply with the associated policies or I abuse the privileges these programs provide me, I understand that I may be denied participation in the Head Start Program and will be denied access to Preferred Space reservations.

Date **Signature(s) is/are REQUIRED for each applicant**

3 Three: Combine and submit

PROOF OF VEHICLE + **PROOF OF RESIDENCE** + **COMPLETED FORM**

PACKAGE YOUR MATERIALS AND MAIL THEM TO:

Steamship Authority
Preferred Application Submission
509 Falmouth Road, Suite 1-C
Mashpee, MA 02649

OR

SCAN YOUR MATERIALS AND EMAIL THEM TO:

formsubmit@steamshipauthority.com
All files must be attachments in PDF format and less than 10 MB.
No other file formats are accepted. No photos.

FOR HELP:

(508) 477-8600

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