



Relief Purser Training Program



Relief Purser Training – February 2026

The Relief Purser Training Program is available for AMHS vessel employees who would like to start a Purser career (must be a current IBU member). These training courses are offered by Passenger Services on an as needed basis and consist of two main components; a weeklong Classroom Training (which includes Advance First Aid) followed by one (1) week Job Shadowing assignment onboard a vessel on the run.

Date & Location

Next Relief Purser Training is scheduled for Feb 1st through 6th, 2026, in Ketchikan.

Schedule

The normal training day for the classroom portions is expected to be eight and one-half (8:30) hours from 0800-1200 and 1300-1730, with an unpaid lunch break. Employees will be paid for actual training time.

Wages, Travel, and Logging

This is a paid training with certain limitations -see Appendix C of the [IBU contract](#) for details. Logging will be provided at the hotel ship in Ketchikan if rooms available. AMHS may provide shared transportation between training location and the hotel ship as well. Box lunches from the hotel ship may also be provided if feasible.

Application Requirements

To be considered for the Relief Purser Training Program employees must meet the requirements listed below.

Minimum Requirements to Apply

- Must be a current AMHS vessel employee (IBU only)
- Cover letter explaining why you want to be a Purser
- Resume demonstrating relevant experience for the Purser role
- Two letters of recommendation from current and/or past supervisors

Desired Qualifications

- Positive, personable, and professional demeanor
- A highly acceptable work and performance history*
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Strong administrative skills and cash handling experience
- Ability to use computers and software applications efficiently

**When screening the applications, employee's personnel file will be subject to review.*



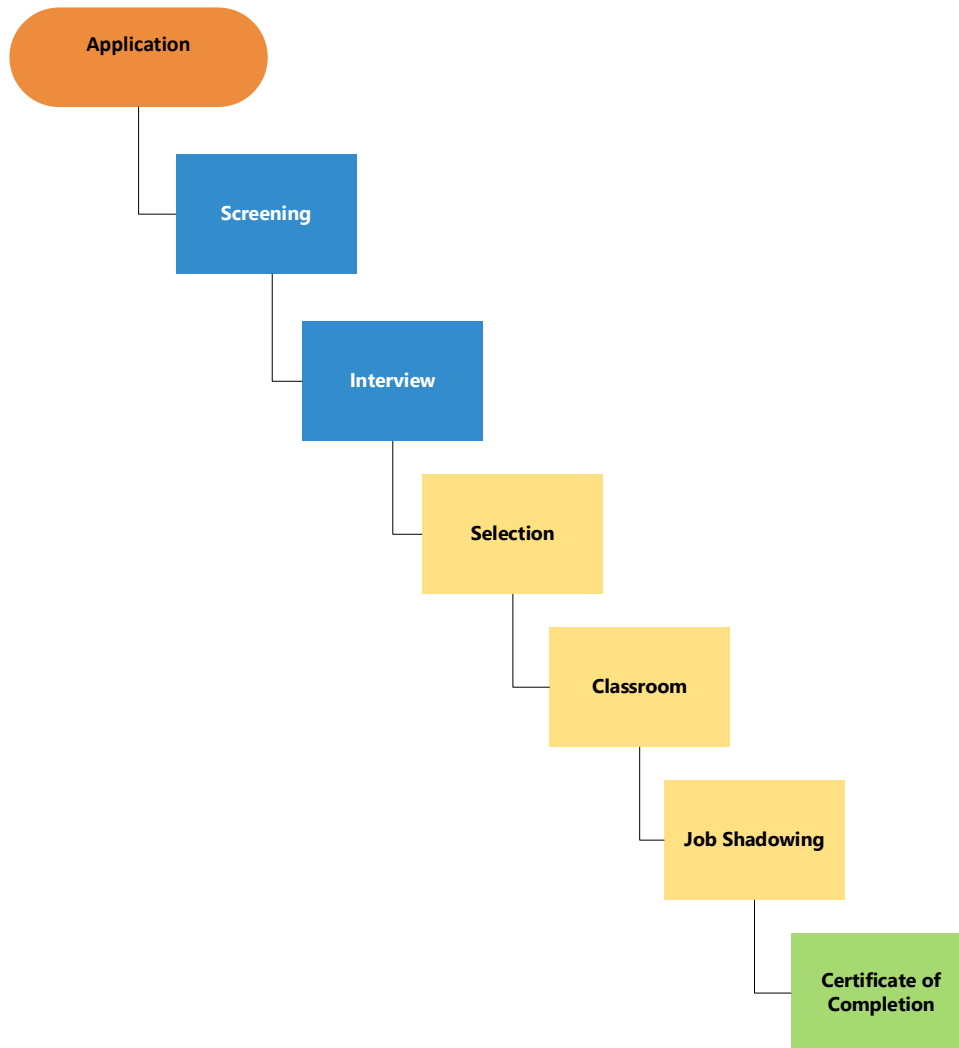
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Application Process

Apply at <https://www.careers-page.com/amhs>. Use QR code above or text **RPT** to (907) 802-5155 for the application link. Application deadline is 12/26/2026. Limited seats available. See flowchart below.

Flowchart 1 – Application Process



Job Shadowing

The job shadowing must take place within 6 months of the classroom training and shall be coordinated through Passenger Services. Trainees who fail to complete their job shadowing within the 6 months window will be removed from further consideration. Trainees will be responsible for providing the Job Shadowing Evaluation Form signed by the Chief Purser to Passenger Services Manager for review.



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Post Training Career Advancement

Employees who successfully complete the Relief Pursers Training Program will be eligible to work as Relief Junior Purser on as needed basis after obtaining the following certifications in addition to other essential documents required for Dispatch.

- Certificate of Completion (issued by Passenger Services Manager)
- Advance First Aid Card (issued by AMHS Medical Trainer)
- [Certificate of Registry](#) (COR) (issued by USCG)*

**A letter justifying need for COR (a.k.a. Letter of Intent) from the employer is required to apply for the COR with the USCG. This letter can be issued by the Passenger Services Manager upon request.*

Relief pursers are expected to bid for the Junior Purser (JP) position within 24 months of receiving their Certificate of Completion – refer to [MQ's](#) for what is required to bid for the Junior Purser. The Certificate of Completion will expire after 24 months, and the employee will lose their ability to dispatch as Relief Junior Purser if they fail to pursue a purser career.

Flowchart 2 – Post Training Career Advancement

