

APPLICATION FOR VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Applicants wishing to claim Veterans' Preference in employment must complete this form and submit as an attachment to your employment application, along with required documentation.

I wish to claim Veterans' Preference in employment in accordance with Chapter 295 of the Florida Statutes. I qualify under the following category: (Check one)

- A Veteran who served on active duty in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge with an existing compensable service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation under public laws administered by the DVA OR a disabled veteran who is receiving compensation, disability, retirement benefits or pension under public laws administered by the DVA and the Department of Defense.
- The spouse of a Veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent service-connected disability, or the spouse of a Veteran missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A Veteran of any war who has served at least one day on active duty during a wartime period as defined in Fla. Stat. Section 1.01 (14), excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America or served in a campaign or an expedition for which a campaign badge or expeditionary medal was authorized.
- The unremarried widow or widower of a Veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
- The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a member of the US Armed Forces who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions as verified by the United States Department of Defense.
- A Veteran as defined in Section 1.01 (14), Florida Statutes: The term 'Veteran' excludes active duty training and means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged under honorable conditions.
- A current member of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or The Florida National Guard.

Wartime Periods:

World War II: December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
Korean War: June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
Vietnam War: February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975

Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992
Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001 to TBD
Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003 to TBD
(aka Operation New Dawn)

Character of Discharge: (Check one)

Honorable: General: Dishonorable: Other (explain): _____

Documents that must be submitted at time of application in order to claim preference:

Veterans, disabled Veterans, spouses of disabled Veterans and family members shall furnish a DD-214 or military discharge papers, or equivalent certification listing military status, dates of service and Character of Discharge.

Disabled Veterans shall also furnish a document from the Department of Defense, the DVA, or the Department certifying that the Veteran has a service-connected disability.

Spouses of disabled Veterans shall also furnish either a certification from the Department of Defense or the DVA that the Veteran is totally and permanently disabled or an identification card issued by the Department; spouses shall also furnish evidence of marriage to the Veteran and a statement that the spouse is still married to the Veteran at the time of the application for employment; the spouse shall also submit proof that the disabled Veteran cannot qualify for employment because of the service-connected disability.

Spouses of persons on active duty shall furnish a document from the Department of Defense or the DVA certifying that the person on active duty is listed as missing in action, captured in line of duty, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power; such spouses shall also furnish evidence of marriage and a statement that the spouse is married to the person on active duty at the time of that application for employment.

The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a deceased Veteran shall furnish a document from the Department of Defense or DVA certifying the death of service member while on duty status under combat-related conditions or the DVA certifying the service-connected death of the Veteran. The unremarried widow or widower shall further furnish evidence of marriage. The legal guardian shall show the proper court documents establishing the legal authority for the Guardian.

Current reserve and National Guard members provide a letter from their Commanding Officer stating the dates of their military service.

Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of this information will result in my dismissal if employed. I have received notice of the appropriate procedures to follow in order to initiate an investigation into any non-compliance with the Veterans' Preference laws.

Applicant Name: (Printed) _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

If an applicant claiming Veterans' Preference for a vacant position is not selected, he/she may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs/Veterans' Preference 9500 Bay Pines Blvd., Room 214, St. Petersburg Florida 33708 within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision by the employing agency or within 3 months of the date an application is filed with the employer if no notice is given.