

**Okeechobee County School Board
Human Resource Department**

Veterans' Preference Claim Form

Subsection 1.01(14) Florida Statute defines the term Veteran as one who has served in the active military and who is discharged under honorable conditions only, or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions notwithstanding any action by the Department of Veterans' Affairs on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served during one of the following periods of wartime service (documentation of such service must be provided at time of application):

Name: _____

Please check appropriate statement as it applies to you:

- ☐ Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- ☐ Vietnam Era: February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- ☐ Persian Gulf: August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992

Also, please check the following appropriate statement as it applies to you:

- ☐ *A veteran with a service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement, or pension under public laws administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Defense, or
- ☐ *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, or forcibly detained by a foreign power, or
- ☐ A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for one day or more during a wartime period, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America, or
- ☐ *The un-remarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.

*** A statement of disability certification from the Department of Veterans' Affairs must be submitted at time of application.**

☐ Yes ☐ No I am claiming Veterans' Preference. (Attach DD214 form.)

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you claimed Veterans' Preference since October 1, 1987?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a resident of the State of Florida? (Veterans' Preference is only available to Florida residents.)

Date of Entry: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Upon acceptance of full-time employment with a covered employer, Veterans' Preference entitlement is thereby expired.

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, Mary Grizzle Office Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778. A complaint must be filed within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employing agency or within 3 months of the date application is filed with the employer if no notice is given.