



VETERANS' PREFERENCE CLAIM FORM

Okeechobee County School District

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- Yes, I am claiming Veterans' Preference
No, I am NOT claiming Veterans' Preference

Complete this form if you are claiming Veterans' Preference. Before being given preference, you will be required to submit documentation in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law.

VETERAN INFORMATION (to be provided by the person applying for preference)

Veteran's Name (Last, First, Middle)

Branch of Service

Type of Discharge/Character of Service

Veteran's period(s) of service

Date Entered Active Duty:

Date Separated or Released from Active Duty:

Subsection 1.01m (14) Florida Statutes defines the term Veteran as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only...

TYPE OF VETERANS' PREFERENCE CLAIMED

Instructions: Check the box below to indicate the type of preference you are claiming and submit appropriate documentation.

- 1. A veteran as defined in Section 1.01(14), Florida Statute. Active duty for training does not count.
2. 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 or the Department of Defense.
3. 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.
4. A wartime veteran of any war* who has served on active duty for at least one day, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
5. The unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
6. The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried spouse of a veteran who died as a result of military service under combat related conditions.
7. A current member of any reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

*War Time Service Dates (check appropriate box)

- Operation New Dawn - September 1, 2010 through present
Operation Enduring Freedom - October 7, 2001 through present
Operation Iraqi Freedom - March 19, 2003 through August 31, 2010
Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 through January 2, 1992
Vietnam Era - February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975
Korean War - June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955
World War II - December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED (Please submit photocopies as documents will not be returned.)

VETERAN

- Form DD-214 or military discharge papers (or equivalent certifications from the VA) listing military status, dates of service, and discharge type

DISABLED VETERAN

- Form DD-214 or military discharge papers (or equivalent certifications from the VA) listing military status, dates of service, and discharge type
Documentation from the DOD, VA, or the Division of Veterans' Affairs certifying a service-connected disability

SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN or VETERAN MISSING IN ACTION, CAPTURED, OR FORCIBLY DETAINED

- Form DD-214 or military discharge papers (or equivalent certifications from the VA) listing military status, dates of service, and discharge type
Certification from the VA that the veteran is totally and permanently disabled and cannot qualify for employment because of the service-connected disability or listed as missing in action, captured in the line of duty, or forcibly detained/interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power
Evidence of marriage to the veteran and a statement that he/she is still married to him/her when applying for employment

SPOUSE OF DECEASED VETERAN

- Document from the DOD or VA certifying the service-connected death of the veteran, evidence of marriage and a statement that the spouse has not remarried

RESERVE MEMBER OF U.S. ARMED FORCES OR THE FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD

- Letter from commanding officer stating dates of military service to establish current active duty status

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rights expressed in this notice. I certify that all information provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

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, 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.