VETERANS’ PREFERENCE CLAIM FORM

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE CLAIMING VETERANS’ PREFERENCE

All applicants claiming Veterans’ Preference must complete this form and furnish documentation substantiating this claim at the time of application for a vacancy and prior to the application deadline.

Subsection 1.01 (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, or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or during one of the following periods of wartime cited in Section II.

A separate DD214 Form that indicated the “Character of Service” (if applicable) must be submitted for each period of service for which Veterans’ Preference is claimed.

OR

Military discharge papers or equivalent certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs listing the military status, dates of service and discharge type.

OR

Military Orders in lieu of DD214 accompanied by letters with character of service.

I. VETERANS’ PREFERENCE REQUEST

I am claiming Veterans’ Preference

___ YES ___ NO

II. WAR TIME SERVICE DATES

Check the appropriate statement as it pertains to you:

___ World War II December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
___ 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
___ Operation Enduring October 7, 2001 – date to be determined
___ Operation Iraqi Freedom March 19, 2003 – date to be determined
___ Operation New Dawn September 1, 2010 – date to be determined

The School Board of Marion County complies with State statutes on Veterans’ Preference and prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEQ) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine.

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III. CATEGORY OF ELIBILITY
Check the following appropriate statement as it applies to you: (Check ONLY one)

____ Disabled Veterans who have served on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces and who presently have an existing service-related disability which is compensable under public laws administered by the DVA or are receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by the DVA and the Department of Defense.

____ The spouse of a Veteran: a) who has a total and permanent service-connected disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify for employment; or b) who is missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force or detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government of power.

____ A Veteran of any war, who has served at least one day during that war time period as defined in subsection 1.01 (14) or who has been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal. Active duty for training shall not be allowed for eligibility under this paragraph.

____ The un-remarried widow or widower of a Veteran who died of a service connected disability.

____ The mother, father, legal guardian, or un-remarried widow or widower of a service member who died as a result of military service under combat-related conditions as verified by the U.S. Department of Defense.

____ A Veteran as defined in Section 1.01 (14) F.S. Active Duty for Training does not apply.

____ A current member of any reserve component of the US Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.

Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal received by a qualified applicant ensures eligibility for Veterans’ Preference. The Global war on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal qualifies a veteran for Veterans’ Preference provided the individual is otherwise eligible. Veterans’ Preference is provided for individuals who have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge/medal has been awarded:

Name of Medal Awarded and/or Campaign Participated: ____________________________
Date of Issuance of Medal or Participation: ____________________________

IV. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:________________________________________ Social Security:_____________________________
Address:________________________________________ City, State, Zip:_____________________________
Telephone:________________________________________ Cell:____________________________________

Active Service Dates
Date of Entry:__________________________________ Date of Discharge:___________________________
Branch of Service:________________________________

Signature:________________________________________ Date:_____________________________________

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I understand falsification of this information is a criminal violation and may subject me to prosecution and possible incarceration and/or fine and will result in 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.

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 the application is filed with the employer if no notice is given.

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