

Military Service

Select the appropriate response:

- I served in the United States Armed Forces.
- I am the spouse, un-remarried widow/widower, or mother of a deceased or disabled U.S. veteran who has been administratively deemed eligible for derivative entitlement to veterans' preference.
- No Response / Not Applicable

Branch of Service:

Date of Service:
From: To:

Veterans' Preference Eligibility

[Click here for information on how veterans' preference is applied to Honors Program hiring.](#)

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To determine whether you qualify for veterans' preference eligibility, visit the Veterans' Preference Advisor at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm>. For additional information on veterans' preference eligibility, visit <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/veterans-services/vet-guide/>.

Military retirees at the rank of major, lieutenant commander, or higher (04 and above) are not eligible for veterans' preference unless they are qualifying disabled veterans. This restriction does not apply to Reservists who do not begin drawing military retired pay until age 60.)

Are you eligible for veterans' preference?

- Yes
- No

Applicants claiming veterans' preference: Attach DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and other documents that validate preference eligibility.

If eligible, select the category in which you qualify.

"5 Point" (TP) Preference:

Veterans qualify for this category on the basis of service during a specific time or place, or by receiving certain medals or participating in campaigns or expeditions for which a campaign medal has been authorized. These preference eligibles do not have a disability rating.

I am an honorably separated veteran who served on active duty (not active duty for training) in the Armed Forces:

- For 180 or more consecutive days, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1944 and before October 15, 1976; or
- During the Gulf War period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending January 2, 1992; or
- For 180 or more consecutive days, any part of which occurred during the period beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last day of Operation Iraqi Freedom; or
- In a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized, such as Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Haiti, Somalia, etc. You must have received the expeditionary medal to qualify.

"10 Point" (CPS, CP, XP) Preference:

Veterans qualify for this category based on service-connected disability or through the award of the Purple Heart medal. Spouses, widows/widowers or mothers of a deceased or disabled preference-eligible veteran may qualify for derivative preference. Derivative preference may not be claimed if the veteran is living and is qualified for federal employment. Applicants claiming this level of preference must attach SF-15 and any other substantiating documents. See www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for details.

- (CPS) I am an honorably separated veteran who has a present service-connected disability or who is

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receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the military or the Department of Veterans' Affairs and I have a disability rating of 30% or more. *or*

(CP) I am an honorably separated veteran who has a present service-connected disability or who is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the military or the Department of Veterans' Affairs and I have a disability rating of 10% but less than 30%. *or*

(XP) I am an honorably separated veteran who has a present service-connected disability rating of less than 10% or who received a Purple Heart *or*

(XP) I am the unmarried widow/widower of a deceased veteran who qualifies for derivative preference or I am the mother of a veteran who died in service or who is permanently and totally disabled.

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