



## WAIVER FOR RECIPIENTS OF PURPLE HEART OR SUPERIOR COMBAT DECORATIONS

Senate Bill 122 provides a fee waiver to recipients of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence if the recipient is enrolling in the Florida College System or State University System, and provided the student meets all of the following criteria:

1. Admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school student in an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree or certificate;
2. Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or other superior combat decoration, a resident of Florida; and
3. Submits to the community college or university the DD-214 form, issued at the time of separation from service, as documentation that he or she has received a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence.

This waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.

### Guidelines

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs has indicated that the combat decorations that would qualify students for the provisions of this waiver include:

- Purple Heart
- Bronze Star (must be “V” designation or device)
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Legion of Merit (must be “V” designation or device)
- Silver Star
- Air Force Cross
- Navy Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Medal of Honor.

The burden of proof is on the student to provide one of the following documents evidencing **residency in Florida at the time of the military action** that resulted in the awarding of the combat decoration:

- DD-214 form, military separation document
- DD-2058 form, military state of legal residence certificate
- Leave and Earning Statement (LES) or the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Form 702, which specifies place of residence
- Letter or affidavit from the military administrative office verifying residence at the time of combat
- One or more state or federal documents evidencing legal ties to Florida (e.g., homestead exemption, driver’s license, vehicle registration).

The student must meet the requirements of residency for tuition purposes specified in section (s.) 1009.21, F.S., and Rule 6A-10.044, Florida Administrative Code.



# COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## NOTIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER COLLECTION, USAGE AND RELEASE

Florida Statute 119.071(5) and Sections 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 authorize the collection, usage and release of your Social Security number by the College of Central Florida.

CF collects, uses and releases your Social Security number only if specifically authorized by law to do so or when it is imperative for the performance of its duties and responsibilities as prescribed by law. To protect your identity, the college will secure your Social Security number from unauthorized access; strictly prohibit the release of your Social Security number to unauthorized parties in compliance with to state and federal law, and assign a unique CF Identification number. This identification number will be used for all associated employment and educational purposes at CF. Specifically, CF collects, uses or releases a Social Security number for the following purposes:

- **Admissions**

Federal legislation relating to the Hope Tax Credit requires that all postsecondary institutions report student Social Security numbers to the Internal Revenue Service. This IRS requirement makes it necessary for CF to collect the Social Security number of every student. A student may refuse to disclose their Social Security number to CF, but the IRS is then authorized to fine the student in the amount of \$50. In addition to the federal reporting requirements, the public school system in Florida uses Social Security numbers as a student identifier (section 229.559, Florida Statutes-new school code section 1008.386). In a seamless K-20 system, it is beneficial for postsecondary institutions to have access to the same information for purposes of tracking and assisting students in the smooth transition from one education level to the next. All Social Security numbers are protected by federal regulation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

- **Continuing Education, Corporate Training**

Under Florida education reporting requirements students who enroll in Continuing Education and Corporate Training seminars are required to submit their Social Security number.

- **Financial Aid**

The Office of Financial Aid at CF requires students and parents of dependent students to submit their Social Security number on various forms in order to correctly identify applicants, match each applicant's financial aid application information and data with the institution's records, and to help coordinate state aid programs with federal and institutional aid programs.

- **Human Resources**

The Social Security number is used for legitimate business purposes for completing, processing or distributing the following: Employment Application Forms; Federal I-9 (Department of Homeland Security); Federal W4, W2, 1099 (Internal Revenue Service); Federal Social Security taxes (FICA); Federal W2 (Internal Revenue Service); Unemployment Insurance (Florida Department of Revenue); Florida Retirement System (Florida Department of Revenue); Workers Compensation Claims (FCSRMC and Department of Labor); Federal and State Employee and Educational Reports; Direct Deposit Files (Bank of America, ACH); 403b and 457b contribution reports; group health, life and dental coverage; completing and processing various supplemental insurance deduction reports; background checks; and payroll documents.

- **Workforce Programs**

These programs use Social Security numbers as identifiers for program enrollment and completion. Also, it is used for entering placement information into either the One Stop Management Information System or the Employ Florida Marketplace statewide data collection and reporting system. Because these are performance based contract programs, it is required that all participants and their program related activities be recorded in the Florida state systems.

- **Miscellaneous**

The Social Security number is used for identification and verification, billings and payments, data collection, reconciliation, tracking, benefit processing and tax reporting.

- **Release Statement**

Social Security numbers may be disclosed only pursuant to Florida Statute 119.071 (6a-6h).

- **Independent Contractors**

The college collects contractors' Social Security numbers in order to file information with the Internal Revenue Service, as required and authorized by federal law.