

**Application for Homestead Property Tax Discount
For Veterans Age 65 and Older With a Combat Related Disability**

Section 6. Article VII, Florida Constitution

_____ County, Florida

- ◆Were you a resident of Florida at the time you entered military service? Yes No
- ◆Were you honorably discharged from military service? Yes No
- ◆Is a portion of your service-connected disability combat related? Yes No
- ◆Do you currently have a homestead exemption in _____ county, or if not, have you applied for homestead exemption? Yes No

****If you answered no to any of the above questions you do not qualify. Do not submit this form. ****

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH

Percentage of service connected disability _____

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED (*valid documentation must be submitted to the property appraiser's office*)

- ◆Copy of honorable discharge papers (example: DD Form 214)
- ◆Copy of Rating Decision letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- ◆Evidence from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or military branch identifying a portion of the disability as combat related (if not included in the above rating decision letter)
- ◆Evidence of Florida residency at the time of entering the military service of the United States
- ◆Proof of age as of January 1

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of deputy _____ Date _____

NOTE: This form must be filed with the county property appraiser in the county where the property is located on or before March 1 of the year for which the discount is sought.

Florida Constitution, Article VII, Section 6, Paragraph (g) reads:

(g) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.



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Property Appraiser

**Written Statement Regarding the Collection
and Use of Social Security Numbers**

This statement is being provided to you pursuant to Section 119.071(5)(a)2 and 3, Florida Statutes (2007).

The Volusia County Property Appraiser's Office is required by section 196.011(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2007), and Florida Administrative Code Rule 12D-7.001(4), to collect on each new application for exemption under sections 196.031, 196.081, 196.091, 196.101 and 196.202, Florida Statutes (2007), the social security number of the applicant and his or her spouse, if any.

Social security numbers are unique numeric identifiers that are used by this office to identify, verify, track and search information in conjunction with determining an applicant's entitlement to exemption. This office furnishes the social security numbers to the Florida Department of Revenue, which uses them in connection with oversight of the tax laws.