Voluntary Self Identification

Ball State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and complies with all federal and state employment regulations. Employees are treated during employment and qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability or status as a protected veteran. Ball State University is subject to certain governmental recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the administration of civil rights laws and regulations.

In order to comply with these laws, Ball State University invites you to voluntarily self-identify your race, ethnicity, gender and status as a protected veteran and as a disabled individual. Submission of this information is voluntary and refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment. The information obtained will be kept confidential and will only be used in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws, executive orders, and regulations, including those that require the information to be summarized and reported to the federal government for civil rights enforcement. When reported to said entities, data will not identify any specific individual.

First Name: ___________________ Middle Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________

Title of Position: ___________________ Job # (if known): ________________

Name of the Department: ___________________

Gender: □ Male □ Female

Race/ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
  Are you Hispanic or Latino? □ Yes □ No

Please mark the box that describes the race/ethnicity category with which you primarily identify. If you identify as biracial or multiracial, please select all categories with which you identify:

□ White (Not Hispanic or Latino): a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa

□ Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino): a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

□ Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

□ American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
Certain military veterans qualify for protected veteran status under Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended by the Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002, 38 U.S.C. 4212 (“VEVRAA”). To ensure that Ball State University is in compliance with its affirmative action obligations and the relevant portions of VEVRAA, federal regulations require the University to submit a report to the United States Department of Labor each year identifying the number of our employees belonging to each specified “protected veteran” category. This report is to further the purpose of aiding in the University's recruitment and hiring efforts related to protected veterans, and to evaluate the University’s compliance efforts by proactively identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the University’s hiring practices.

“Protected veteran” categories are identified in VEVRAA. This statute requires Government contractors to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment: (1) disabled veterans; (2) recently separated veterans; (3) active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans; and (4) Armed Forces service medal veterans. VEVRAA defines these classifications as follows:

(1) A “disabled veteran” is one of the following:
   a. A veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air force who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; or
   b. A person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

(2) A “recently separated veteran” means any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the date of such veteran’s discharge or release from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service.

(3) An “active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran” means a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense.

(4) An “Armed Forces service medal veteran” means a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985.

Please indicate your veteran status:

- I belong to one or more of the classifications of Protected Veterans listed above.
- I am NOT a protected veteran.
- I am a veteran; however I do not identify with the categories listed above.
- I do not wish to disclose. (Your status will be recorded as “Not a protected veteran” for recordkeeping purposes.)
Why are you being asked to complete this form?

Because we do business with the government, we must reach out to, hire, and provide equal opportunity to qualified people with disabilities. To help us measure how well we are doing, we are asking you to tell us if you have a disability or if you ever had a disability. Completing this form is voluntary, but we hope that you will choose to fill it out. If you are applying for a job, any answer you give will be kept private and will not be used against you in any way.

If you already work for us, your answer will not be used against you in any way. Because a person may become disabled at any time, we are required to ask all of our employees to update their information every five years. You may voluntarily self-identify as having a disability on this form without fear of any punishment because you did not identify as having a disability earlier.

How do I know if I have a disability?

You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition.

Disabilities include, but are not limited to:

- Blindness
- Deafness
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Cerebral palsy
- HIV/AIDS
- Schizophrenia
- Muscular dystrophy
- Bipolar disorder
- Major depression
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Missing limbs or partially missing limbs
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Impairments requiring the use of a wheelchair
- Intellectual disability (previously called mental retardation)

Please check one of the boxes below:

☐ YES, I HAVE A DISABILITY (or previously had a disability)
☐ NO, I DON’T HAVE A DISABILITY
☐ I DON’T WISH TO ANSWER

_________________________________________  ________________________
Your Name                                           Today’s Date
Reasonable Accommodation Notice

Federal law requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities. Please tell us if you require a reasonable accommodation to apply for a job or to perform your job. Examples of reasonable accommodation include making a change to the application process or work procedures, providing documents in an alternate format, using a sign language interpreter, or using specialized equipment.

\[\text{Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. For more information about this form or the equal employment obligations of Federal contractors, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) website at www.dol.gov/ofccp.}\]

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