

# Application for Employment

We welcome you as an applicant for employment with the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District. It is Mower County SWCD's policy to provide equal opportunity in employment. The Mower County SWCD will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, local human rights commission activity or any other basis protected by law.

Please furnish complete information, so we may accurately and completely assess your qualifications. You may attach any other information which provides additional detail about your qualifications for employment in the position you seek. Please refer to the Applicant Data Practices Advisory for guidance regarding how your application information will be used, the consequences of providing or not providing your information, and more. Mower County SWCD accommodates qualified persons with disabilities in all aspects of employment, including the application process. If you believe you need a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process, please contact our office at 507-434-2603 x 5.

## Personal Information

Name:	(Last)	(First)	(MI)
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone Number		Alternate Phone	
Email			

**Please print in INK or type when completing this application**

Title of position applying for:	
Are you legally eligible to work in the United States in the position for which you are applying? <i>Proof of citizenship or work eligibility will be required as a condition of employment.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will your continued employment require employer sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you at least 18 years old?* [*Cities will want to ensure they are only asking this question if the law requires that the job be performed by an individual [or employee] who is 18 years of age or older.]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Educational Information

Circle the highest grade completed			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Grade School	9 10 11 12 GED High School	13 14 15 16 College/Technical	MA MS PHD JD Graduate
Did you graduate: (Please check)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>High School</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>College/Technical</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Graduate JD</i>

School Name	Address	Course of study	Degree
High School:			
College:			
Graduate School:			
Technical/Vocational:			
Other:			

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List any other courses, seminars, workshops, or training you have that may provide you with skills related to this position:

List any current licenses, registrations, or certificates you possess which may be related to this position:

# Employment Experience

List present or most recent employer first. Please note “see resume” is not an acceptable response for any entries on this application. Resumes will only be considered in addition to, but not in lieu of, this application.

Company	Name of last supervisor	Hrs./Week
Address	Start Date	
City, State, Zip	End Date	
Phone Number	Last job title	
Reason for leaving (be specific):		
Describe your work in this job:		
May we contact this employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Phone Number	Last job title	
Reason for leaving (be specific):		
Describe your work in this job:		
May we contact this employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Reason for leaving (be specific):		
Describe your work in this job:		
May we contact this employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Address	Start Date	
City, State, Zip	End Date	
Phone Number	Last job title	
Reason for leaving (be specific):		
Describe your work in this job:		
May we contact this employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

## Unpaid Experience

Describe any unpaid or volunteer experience relevant to the position for which you are applying (you may exclude, if you wish, information which would reveal race, sex, religion, age, disability, or other protected status).

## Military Experience

Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces?  Yes  No

Describe your duties:

Do you wish to apply for Veterans' Preference points:  Yes  No

If you answered "yes," you must complete the enclosed application for Veterans' Preference points, and submit the application and required documentation to the Mower County SWCD by the application deadline of the position for which you are applying.

## Authorization

I certify that all information I have provided in this application for employment is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Any misrepresentation or omission of any fact in my application, resume or any other materials, or during any interviews, can be justification for refusal of employment, or if employed, will be grounds for dismissal, regardless of length of employment or when the misrepresentation or omission is discovered.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the job description summary for the position/s for which I am applying. I further acknowledge my understanding that employment with the Mower County SWCD is "at will," and that employment may be terminated by either the Mower County SWCD or me at any time, with or without notice.

With my signature below, I am providing the Mower County SWCD authorization to verify all information I provided within this application packet, including contacting current or previous employers. However, I understand that if, in the Employment Experience section I have answered "No" to the question, "May we contact your current employer?", contact with my current employer will not be made without my specific authorization.

I have read the included Applicant Data Practices Advisory, and I further understand that criminal history checks may be conducted (after I have been selected for an interview, in the case of non-public safety positions) and that a conviction of a crime related to this position may result in my being rejected for this job opening. I also understand it is my responsibility to notify the Mower County SWCD in writing of any changes to information reported in this application for employment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Veterans' Preference

**COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE CLAIMING VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

**NOTE: VETERANS' PREFERENCE POINTS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. ATTACH COPY OF "MEMBER COPY 4" VETERAN'S DD214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING SERVICE. DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE OF THE POSTING IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. (VETERAN IS DEFINED BY MINN. STAT. § 197.447). ALL PREFERENCE FORMS MUST BE SUMITTED BY JULY 8.**

**You must submit a PHOTOCOPY of your "Member Copy 4" of your DD214 or other documentation verifying service to substantiate the services information requested on the form. Claims not accompanied by proper documentation will not be processed. For assistance in obtaining a copy of your "member Copy 4" of your DD214, or other documentation verifying service, contact your County Veterans' Service Office.**

The Mower County SWCD operates under a point preference system, which awards points to qualified veterans to supplement their application. Ten (10) points are granted to non-disabled veterans on open competitive examinations; Fifteen (15) points are awarded if the veteran has a service connected compensable disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).

To qualify for preference for a **competitive exam**, you must have earned a passing score and been separated under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the United States after having served on active duty for 181 consecutive days, **or** by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty, **or** after having served

the full period called **or** ordered for federal, active duty **and** be a United States citizen or resident alien. Veteran's preference may be used by the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and by the spouse of a disabled veteran who is unable to qualify because of the disability.

To qualify for preference on a **promotional exam**, a veteran must have earned a passing exam score and received a USDVA active duty service connected disability rating of 50% or more. For a promotional exam, a qualified disabled veteran is entitled to be granted five (5) points. Disabled veterans eligible for such preference may use the five points preference only once when applying for the first promotion after securing public employment.

Claims must be made on the form below and submitted with your application by the application deadline of the position for which you are applying. If the "Member Copy 4" DD214, or other documentation verifying service, is submitted to our office separate from this sheet, please attach a note with it indicating the position for which you are applying and your present address.

Name (Last)	(First)	(MI)	Position For Which You Applied	
Address (Street)			Closing Date:	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Phone Number	Are you a US Citizen or Resident Alien?
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**VETERAN (10 points):**

("Member Copy 4" of DD214 or DD215, or other documentation verifying service, must be submitted to receive points)

Honorably discharged veteran:  Yes  No

**DISABLED VETERAN (15 points):**

("Member Copy 4" of DD214, or other documentation verifying service, and USDVA Summary of Benefits Letter of disability rating decision of 10% or more must be submitted to receive points)

Percent of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_%

Have you ever applied for promotion in public employment?  Yes  No

**SPOUSE OF DECEASED VETERAN (10 points or 15 if the veteran was disabled at time of death):**

("Member Copy 4" of DD214 or DD215, or other documentation verifying service, photocopy of marriage certificate, spouse's death certificate and proof veteran is deceased must be submitted to receive points. You are ineligible to receive points if you have remarried or were divorced from the veteran).

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you remarried?  Yes  No

**SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN (15 points):**

("Member Copy 4" of DD214 or DD215, or other documentation verifying service, and US VA Summary of Benefits Letter of disability rating decision of 10% or more must be submitted to receive points).  
How does Veteran's disability prevent performance of a stated job "requirement?" Due to the veteran's service-connected disability the veteran is unable to qualify for this position because (be specific):

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**AFFIDAVIT:** I hereby claim Veterans' Preference points for this examination and swear/affirm that the information given is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby acknowledge that I am responsible to obtain the required Veterans' Preference verification documents and submit them to the Mower County SWCD by the required application deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Information Regarding Claiming Veterans' Preference

Preference points are awarded to qualified veterans as defined by Minn. Stat. § 197.447, and to certain spouses of deceased or disabled veterans subject to the provision of Minn. Stat. §§ 197.447 and 197.455.

The veteran must:

- a) be a U.S. citizen or resident alien;
- b) have received a discharge under honorable conditions from any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; AND have either:
  - i. served on active duty for at least 181 consecutive days, or
  - ii. have been discharged by reason of service connected disability, or
  - iii. have completed the minimum active duty requirement of federal law, as defined by CFR title 38, section 3.12a, i.e., having fulfilled the full period for which a person was called or ordered to active duty by the United States President, or
  - iv. certified service and verification of "veteran status" granted under U.S. PL 95-202.

The information provided will be used to determine your eligibility for veterans' preference points. You are required to supply the following information:

- 1) Attach a copy of the "Member Copy 4" of your DD214 or DD215, or other documentation verifying service. This copy must state the nature of discharge; i.e., honorable, general, medical, under honorable conditions.
- 2) Disabled veterans must also supply a Military/United States Department of Veterans' Affairs Rating Decision that supports/verifies the fact that the injury was incurred while on, or as a result of, active duty service.
- 3) A spouse of a deceased veteran, applying for preference points must supply their marriage certificate, the veteran's "Member Copy 4" DD214 or DD215, or other documentation verifying service, USDVA verification that veteran died, a death certificate, verification of their marriage at the time of veteran's death, and that the spouse has not remarried.

Thank you for your military service and for your interest in employment with the Mower County SWCD. Please contact our office at 507-434-2603x5 or your local County Veterans' Service Office, if you have any questions regarding veterans' preference.

# Equal Employment Opportunity Information

The information asked of you will be used to evaluate our overall efforts in reaching all segments of the population. The following information is VOLUNTARY and CONFIDENTIAL. This information is NOT A PART of the application file and is REMOVED from the application when received by our office. The Mower County SWCD appreciates your cooperation in our efforts to ensure affirmative action and equal opportunity.

Position(s) for which you are applying:

Gender:  Male  Female

With which racial/ethnic group do you identify?

- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian or Alaskan Native through Tribal affiliation or community recognition
- Caucasian/White
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

Disability status, defined as:

- 1) Has a physical or mental condition that substantially or materially limits a major life activity (such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning);
- 2) Has a history of a disability (such as cancer that is in remission);
- 3) Is regarded as having such an impairment.

Do you claim disability status?  Yes  No