

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS TO RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II,  
AND KOREAN CONFLICT AND VIETNAM VETERANS AWARDED HIGH  
SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

~~The~~ **It is the policy of the** Board **to** recognizes the service provided to the country and the individual sacrifices made by veterans of World War II, ~~and the Korean Conflict~~ **and the Vietnam Conflict.**

Since many of these veterans left high school in order to fight for their country, the Board ~~wishes to recognize their efforts by awarding them a high school diploma.~~ **Commissioner of Education is authorized to award a Florida Standard Diploma to eligible veterans. The Board will recognize these veterans at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.**

To be eligible for a diploma, all of the following criteria must be met:

- A. The veteran is a current resident of the State of Florida or was previously enrolled in any high school in this State.
- B. The veteran either left a public or nonpublic school located in any State prior to graduation:
  1. in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States;
  2. due to family circumstances and subsequently entered the armed forces of the United States.
- C. The veteran received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States.
- D. The veteran has not been ~~granted a high school diploma, a diploma of adult education, or a diploma under this provision~~ **previously awarded a high school diploma, a diploma of adult education, or a Florida Standard Diploma under this provision.**

If the veteran is deceased, **the diploma will be awarded to the veteran posthumously. The diploma may be awarded once eligibility is verified.** ~~the Board will award a diploma to the veteran posthumously and present that diploma to a surviving relative of the veteran.~~

~~The Board may award a high school diploma after receiving the application and appropriate verification of eligibility from the Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs.~~

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
PASCO COUNTY**

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- 1 ~~The application is available through and the eligibility verification is handled by the~~
- 2 ~~County Veterans Services Office.~~

- 3 F.S. 1003.43

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