

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY
APPLICATION TO PURCHASE
MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT FOR RETIREMENT**

Name _____ Employee # _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

County Department or Court _____

County Hire Date _____

Military Service Dates - From _____ to _____
(Attach Form DD214 or Documentation of Military Service dates)

Dates of military service you wish to purchase (not more than five years)

From _____ to _____ if different than above

Is any of the military service time you wish to purchase eligible for credit under any other federal, state, or local publicly supported retirement system?

_____ No _____ Yes

If yes, please explain below. (Please note that the law prohibits using the same service time for two or more publicly supported retirement systems.)

I hereby certify that the information submitted above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated _____

Signature

See other side for general guidelines and estimate of cost.

Military Service Credit - General Guidelines
(Available beginning November 1, 2003)

Members who were vested prior to November 1, 2003, may purchase military service credit provided the purchase is made during the time period of November 1, 2003, through October 3, 2004. Members who were not vested prior to November 1, 2003, may purchase military service credit within one (1) year of vesting.

Employees with at least 8 years of service with the County can purchase credit for military service under the following guidelines:

Must have entered the Armed Service of the United States before June 1, 1980, or after June 1, 1980 during a time of war or emergency situation (as described in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61):

- Spanish American War (April 21, 1898 – July 15, 1903)
- World War I (April 6, 1917 – April 1, 1920)
- World War II (December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946)
- Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975)
- Also: Any service subsequent to January 31, 1955, for which an armed forces expeditionary or service medal was received.

Must have been honorably discharged.

Must provide proof of military service (copy of discharge paper--Form DD214, or copy of Order to Active Service and Order of Discharge).

Service cannot be credited if it is credited under any other federal, state, or local publicly supported retirement system.

Payment to the retirement system is five percent of the employee=s current annual salary times the number of years eligible for purchase. You may purchase fractions of a year for each full month* served, but not more than five (5) years. **Payment must be made in a single lump sum and cannot be done as payroll deduction or broken into several payments.**

To estimate the cost, use the following chart. (Call the Human Resources Department at 383-8998 to receive an exact figure.)

Current Annual Salary		_____
	x	.05 (5%)
	=	_____
Number of years you wish to purchase	x	_____
How much it will cost you	=	_____

* **A defined month will include the beginning of any day of a month to the same day of the**

following month.