

Statement on the Collection and Use of Social Security Numbers

Human Resources

In accordance with the requirements of Florida law (Section 119.071, Florida Statutes), the University of West Florida collects social security numbers only if specifically authorized or required by law or if imperative for the performance of the University's duties and responsibilities. The University may collect social security numbers for some or all of the following purposes: identity tracking and management; billing and payments; credit worthiness; data collection; reconciliation and tracking; benefit processing; tax and scholarship reporting; financial aid processing; student health services, and reporting to authorized state and federal government agencies. Federal and state laws require us to protect social security numbers from disclosure to unauthorized parties. Students and employees are assigned UWF identification numbers to assist in tracking and protecting their personal information.

UWF Forms	Form Purpose	Purpose for SSN#	Statutory Authority	Mandated, Authorized or Business Imperative
FRS Certification Form	Eligibility to be employed	Applicant Identification	Section 119.071(5)(a)6.g, F.S.	Mandated
Level II Background Screening Request Form	Eligibility to be employed in a position of special trust	Applicant/employee identification	Section 119.071(4)(a)2.b., F. S.	Mandated
Verification of Employment Authorization Release	Employment verification	Employee identification	Section 119.071(5)(a)(2)(a)(II), F.S.	Business Imperative
Third Party Non-UWF Forms	Purpose	Purpose of SSN#	Statutory Authority	Mandated, Authorized or Business Imperative
Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (US Department of Homeland Security)	Verify each new employee (both citizen and noncitizen) hired after Nov 6, 1986, is authorized to work in the United States.	Citizen and noncitizen identification	U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603(8 USC 1324a)	Mandated
Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate	Tax reporting	For employee identification	I.R.C. Section 6109	Mandated
Florida retirement contribution reports and forms (Florida Department of Revenue)	Administration of pension benefits	For employee identification	Section 119.071(6)(g), F.S.	Business Imperative
Worker's Compensation Amerisys forms on behalf of Risk Management, STARS reports of lost wages and First Report of Injury	For report and documentation of work-related injury and follow up	For employee identification	Section 440.185(2)(b), F.S.	Mandated
I.R.C. Section 403b,457b contribution reports (Internal Revenue Service)	Employee enrollment and claims	For employee identification	I.R.C. Section 6109	Mandated
State of Florida New Hire Report (Department of Revenue)	Administration of various programs: child support enforcement, Medicaid, unemployment compensation, Food Stamp, aid to disabled, etc.	New hire identification	Section 409.2576, F.S.	Mandated
State sponsored insurance enrollment forms and reports (group health, life, and dental coverage) (limited to dependents)	Administration of health benefits	Dependent identification	Section 119.071(6)(f), F.S.	Business Imperative
Agency for Workforce Innovation Unemployment Compensation forms	Verification of benefits eligibility	Employee identification and verification with Social Security Administration	Section 443.091(1)(g), F.S.	Mandated
FICA Alternative Plan Forms (OPS Retirement)	Selection of 401(a) Investment options and Beneficiaries	Reporting	(OBRA 90) IRC 3121(b)(7)(F).	Business Imperative



FRS Employment Certification Form

This form is not an offer of employment and completion of this form does not constitute enrollment in a retirement program under the Florida Retirement System (FRS). If you are hired, information about your retirement plan options may be mailed to your address on file.

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Enter Your Info

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

CURRENT AGENCY NAME _____

PREVIOUS AGENCY NAME _____

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Confirm Prior Member-ship

Have you ever been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan?

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No, I have never been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan.

If No, skip to section 4.

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Yes, I have been a member of a State of Florida-administered retirement plan.

If Yes, indicate which plan(s) you are or were a member of, then proceed to section 3.

☐ FRS Pension Plan (including DROP)

☐ FRS Investment Plan

☐ Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program (SMSOAP)

☐ State Community College System Optional Retirement Program (SCCSORP)

☐ State University System Optional Retirement Program (SUSORP)

☐ Other _____

If you answered YES above but have never made a retirement plan election (including default) between the FRS Pension Plan and the FRS Investment Plan, you will have a choice period established for you with a designated deadline. See page 2 for additional information on making a choice.

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Confirm Retiree Status

Are you retired from a State of Florida-administered plan? You are considered retired if:

- You have received any benefits (other than a withdrawal of your employee contributions) under the FRS Pension Plan, including DROP.
- You have taken any distribution (including a rollover) from the FRS Investment Plan, or other state-administered retirement programs offered by state universities (SUSORP), state community colleges (SCCSORP), state government for senior managers (SMSOAP), or local governments for senior managers.

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No, I am not retired from a State of Florida-administered plan. I understand that if it is later determined I am retired, both my employer and I might be liable for repaying retirement benefits I have received if I am reemployed by or provide services to an FRS-covered employer through any paid or unpaid arrangement as described below. Refer to Page 2 for additional information.

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Yes, I am retired from a State of Florida-administered plan, and I understand I must satisfy any termination requirement prior to returning to FRS employment.

If Yes, enter your FRS Pension Plan retirement effective date, DROP termination date, or date you received your first distribution from the FRS Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, SMSOAP, or other plan.

DATE _____

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Sign Here

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on pages 1 and 2 of this form, and I certify all supplied information to be true and correct.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Questions? Call the MyFRS Financial Guidance Line at 1-866-446-9377, Option 2 (TRS 711) or visit MyFRS.com.

This completed form, including page 2, should be retained in the employee's personnel file. Do not send this form to the FRS, unless requested.

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Review the Following Important Information Carefully

Section 2 – Confirm prior membership

If you answered NO - Not Previously Enrolled in the FRS

A New Hire Kit will be mailed to your address on file with your employer within 30 to 60 days after your hire date.

- You are responsible for ensuring your retirement plan election is received by the Plan Choice Administrator on or before 4:00 p.m. ET on the last business day of the 8th month following your month of hire.
- If you do not submit an election choice, the Investment Plan will be considered your initial election by default. Exception: If you are enrolled in the Special Risk Class, the Pension Plan will be considered your initial default election.

If you answered YES - Previously Enrolled in the FRS

- If you were previously enrolled in the FRS, made an active election or defaulted into the FRS Pension Plan or FRS Investment Plan, and separated employment without retiring you will not receive a new choice window. You will continue to participate in the plan you were enrolled in at the time of separation and continue to accrue service credit under that plan.
- If you were previously enrolled in the FRS and did not make an election between the FRS Pension Plan and FRS Investment Plan during your previous enrollment in the FRS, you will receive a choice window with a designated choice deadline. This would include those who have never had an opportunity to make a retirement plan election, members with Pension Plan service prior to July 1, 2002, and who return to FRS employment today, and new hires on or after July 1, 2002 who had an election period established previously but separated employment before making an election or defaulting.
 - You are responsible for ensuring your election is received by the Plan Choice Administrator on or before 4:00 p.m. ET on the last business day of the 8th month following your month of hire.
 - If you do not submit an election, the Investment Plan will be considered your initial election by default. Exception: If you are enrolled in the Special Risk Class, the Pension Plan will be considered your initial default election.
 - If you elect or default to the Investment Plan, any accrued value you may have in the Pension Plan will be transferred to your Investment Plan account as your opening account balance and is subject to the vesting requirements of the Pension Plan. The initial transfer amount is an estimate, and your account will be reconciled within 60 days of the transfer using your actual FRS membership record pursuant to Florida law. You direct that all future employer and employee contributions be deposited in your Investment Plan account.

Section 3 – Confirm Retiree Status

If you are a Pension Plan retiree, you understand:

- If you are reemployed within six calendar months of retirement in any type of position with an FRS employer, your retirement and DROP status (if applicable) may be voided. If voided, all retirement and DROP benefits you received must be repaid, and you must reapply for retirement to receive future benefits.

If you are an Investment Plan, SUSORP, SCCSORP, or SMSOAP retiree, you understand:

- If you are reemployed within the first six calendar months of retirement in **any type of position** with an FRS employer, any benefits you received must be repaid, or you must terminate employment.
- **Any type of position** includes, **but is not limited to**, regularly established, full-time, part-time, OPS, temporary, seasonal, substitute teachers, adjunct professors, etc. Also, any paid or unpaid positions with an FRS employer, service arrangements with an FRS employer, employment by or through a third-party providing service to an FRS employer, or positions pre-arranged before retirement to provide services after retirement to any FRS employer, are prohibited.
- Florida law requires a return of all overpaid Pension Plan benefit payments or Investment Plan distributions received by a member who has violated the FRS termination or reemployment provisions. Similar provisions apply to overpaid SUSORP, SCCSORP, or other state-administered plan distributions – contact that plan's administrator for details.
- Retirees may provide volunteer services with an FRS employer without violating the termination requirements or reemployment limitations (must comply with Section 121.091(15), Florida Statutes).
- Effective July 1, 2017, retirees of the Investment Plan, SUSORP, SMSOAP, SCCSORP are eligible for renewed membership in the Investment Plan, SUSORP, SMSOAP, SCCSORP. You must be employed in an FRS-covered position on or after July 1, 2017 in order to have renewed membership. Renewed members may not use a second election to change to the Pension Plan.

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