

THE VIRGINIA SHE SERVED BUSINESS BUILDER INITIATIVE

Who Qualifies?

Applicant must be an active duty, reservist, or veteran woman; or an active duty, reservist, or veteran woman spouse.

Active Duty and Reservist woman applicant shall provide proof they are currently in active or reserve duty.

Woman veteran applicant shall provide a copy of their DD-214 with an Honorable Discharge.

Active Duty and Reservist woman spouse shall provide current proof of marriage with active-duty service member or military dependent paperwork.

If you are a woman spouse of a Virginia veteran provide current proof of marriage.

Veteran woman spouse shall provide Veteran DD-214 with an Honorable Discharge.

Woman spouse to a service member killed in the line of duty shall provide evidence or documentation from the Department of Veteran Affairs or Virginia Department of Veterans Services that shows during their legal marriage: the service member died while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive-duty training; or the veteran died from a service-connected illness or injury, in cases where the veteran's eligibility was due to a rating of totally disabling, they must have had this rating for at least 10 years prior to death; or since their release from active duty and for at least 5 years prior to their death; or for at least 1 year before their death if they were a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

Applicants not otherwise described above will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They shall provide all requested documentation for the cohort no later than last day of application deadline, 11:59 EST, to be considered for the program.

If qualified applicant currently owns a business, they shall provide proof: they have an active business entity with the Virginia State Corporation Commission; and, the business is at least 51% independently owned and controlled by the applicant; and the business meets the small business criteria set by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity or the Small Business Administration.

Qualified applicant without an active business entity with the Virginia State Corporation Commission, shall include the essay questions with their application no later than the last day of the application deadline, 11:59 EST. The essay questions form shall be included in addition to the application form. See the application instructions.