

Application for Death Benefits Federal Employees Retirement System

This application is for use by persons applying for benefits which may be payable under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) because of the death of an employee, former employee, or retiree who was covered by FERS at the time of his/her death or separation from Federal service. You should have received an informational pamphlet entitled, "Applying for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System," SF 3114 with this application. If you did not receive the pamphlet and the deceased was a Federal employee at the time of his/her death, you should get a copy from the deceased's employing agency. If the deceased was retired or a former employee not yet receiving a retirement benefit, you should get a copy from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). You can either write to the Office of Personnel Management at OPM, FERS, P.O. Box 200, Boyers, PA 16017-0200 or call OPM's Retirement Information Office at 1-888-767-6738. Customers within local calling distance to Washington, DC must contact OPM on 202-606-0500.

If the deceased was an employee at the time of death, send your completed application, with any requested attachments, to the personnel office in the agency where the deceased was last employed. If the deceased was a former employee or annuitant at the time of death, send it to the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 200, Boyers, PA 16017-0200.

If your address changes before you receive your claim number, write to OPM, giving your name, date of birth, your Social Security number, and the deceased person's name, date of birth and Social Security number. If you have received your claim number, please refer to it.

Instructions For Completing Application

Type or print clearly in ink. If you need more space in any section, use a plain piece of paper with your name, date of birth, and Social Security Number, and the deceased person's name, date of birth and Social Security Number, written at the top. If you do not know an answer, write "unknown." If you are unsure of information (for example, if you do not know an exact date), answer to the best of your ability, followed by a question mark (?).

The following additional information should help you to answer those questions on the application which are not entirely self-explanatory.

Section A - Information About the Deceased

- If deceased had ever applied for or received retirement benefits, show the retirement claim number.
- 7. Recurring payments from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor (OWCP) and FERS survivor annuity benefits and/or the FERS Basic Employee Death Benefit usually are not payable for the same period of time. If the deceased had applied for or received benefits from the OWCP based on an illness or injury received resulting from a condition of employment within the last two years, indicate here. The OWCP claim number appears on the U.S. Treasury checks and correspondence from OWCP.
- See the pamphlet entitled "Applying for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System" to help you determine which block to check.
- 9. If the deceased had no former marriage, write "none." Attach copies of death certificates, divorce decrees from former marriages or annulments. If you

are the spouse of the deceased and were married to the deceased before, be sure to show the date your prior marriage(s) ended.

Section B - Information About the Applicant

5. If you checked "designated beneficiary" and have a copy of the form designating you as beneficiary, attach it to the application. If you checked "parent," both parents must submit completed applications. If one is deceased, attach a copy of the death certificate. Otherwise, provide name and address of other parent in Section F, if known. If you checked "executor or administrator of estate," attach a copy of the court order appointing you executor or administrator. (Note that a court must have appointed you; we will not pay you based on a will or other document prepared by the deceased.)

Section C - Information About the Deceased Person's Spouse

1. Attach a copy of your marriage certificate.

If you were married by a priest, rabbi, pastor, Justice of the Peace or other person empowered by the State to perform marriages, check "Clergy/Justice of the Peace". If you were **not** married by someone empowered by the State to perform marriages, check "Other" and explain (for example, "common law" or "tribal marriage").

If marriage is common law and a State court has determined that you were married, send a copy of the court order or judgment. If you do not have a court order or judgment, attach two notarized affidavits from persons who are in a position to know the facts which clearly show: (1) the relationship

between you, your spouse, and the person swearing to the affidavit; (2) the length of time you and the deceased lived together; (3) the address or addresses at which you resided while you lived together; (4) whether there was any public announcement in connection with your common law marriage; (5) whether you and the deceased were regarded among your neighbors, friends, and relatives as being husband and wife during the time you lived together; and (6) how the person swearing to the affidavit is in a position to know the facts being presented in the affidavit.

In addition, your own affidavit is required. It should show: (1) the date on which, and the State in which, you and your spouse mutually agreed to become husband and wife; (2) whether you or your spouse were ever married, ceremonially or under common law, to anyone else before entering into the common law relationship (if so, state in your affidavit all the facts of each previous marriage, including the date it took place and the date of the death or divorce which ended it); and (3) any other facts which you believe will help prove you were husband and wife. You may also submit other documents which show a husband and wife relationship such as a naturalization cerficate, deeds, immigration records, insurance policies, passports, child's birth certificate, etc.

2. If you married the deceased more than once, give dates that each marriage began and ended.

Section E - Information About the Deceased Person's Dependent Children

- 1.a. List, in order of birth date, all the surviving, unmarried, dependent children of the deceased. List all such children you know of, no matter where they live. A dependent child is a son or daughter who is unmarried and:
 - was under age 18 at the time of the deceased person's death, including any:
 - 1. adopted child, and/or
 - stepchild, and/or
 - recognized child born out of wedlock who lived with the deceased in a regular parentchild relationship, and/or
 - 4. recognized child born out of wedlock who was a judicial determination of support or if the deceased made regular and substantial contributions for the support of the child.
 - is age 18 or older, but who became mentally and/or physically disabled before age 18 and who, because of the disability, is incapable of selfsupport. Attach a copy of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability (prior to age 18) for disabled child(ren) over age 18.

- is between ages 18 and 22 and who is unmarried and a full-time student in school.
- b. Attach a copy of the birth certificate for each child for who you are applying.
- d. Show how each child is related to the deceased. For example, write "Child of marriage at death" for a child of the deceased person's marriage in force at the time of death.
- e. If the unmarried dependent son or daughter is 18 or over, state whether he or she is a full-time student and/or disabled.
- The mother of the unborn child, the legal guardian or the person responsible for the child should send us the birth certificate, when available.
- 3.d. If the person(s) in 3b. is(are) court appointed, indicate by checking the "Legal Guardian" box. If you are the person who is court appointed, attach a copy of the court appointment to this application. If there is no court appointment, check "Other" and write in the relationship to the child, for example, mother, father, sister, etc.
- 4. You must apply for benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA) for minor or disabled children of the deceased. FERS benefits to children will not be paid until we have received verification of their entitlement to (and amount of) or lack of entitlement to SSA benefits. You should submit a copy of SSA's notice of award or denial with this application, if available. If it is not submitted, we will obtain the information from SSA, however, this may delay the processing of your claim.

Section F - Information About Other Heirs

Please give us information about other relatives who may be able to inherit from the deceased. If you can't give complete information, do the best you can. List only people who were living when the deceased died and who have the following relationships to the deceased:

- Widow(er) (unless named in Section C);
- Children of the deceased not included in Section E and the children of any deceased children (on a separate sheet of paper, show the relationships of descendants of deceased children to the deceased, for example, John and Mary, children of deceased son John, and Sue, child of deceased daughter Ann);
- If there is no living widow(er) or child, list the deceased person's parents (if only one parent survives, a copy of the deceased parent's death certificate should be attached, if available);
- If there are no living relatives of the deceased as described above and no court-appointed executor or administrator as described in Section G, list other relatives who can inherit from the deceased.

Section G - Information About the Deceased Person's Estate

 If someone was named as executor or administrator in the deceased person's will, but hasn't been appointed by the court, check "no." If you have been appointed by a court, attach a copy of the court appointment.

Section H - Active Military Service

You do not need to complete parts 1 and 2 of this section if the deceased was retired at the time of death, since OPM already has this information.

 Indicate whether the deceased performed active duty that terminated under honorable conditions in the Armed Forces or other uniformed services of the United States. Inactive service in reserve components of the uniformed service is not creditable for retirement purposes. Service in the National Guard is not usually considered active Federal military service except when ordered to active duty in the service of the United States and during an initial (3 months or longer) training period. However, full-time National Guard duty is creditable, if the service

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creditable civilian service and is followed by reemployment (as explained in Chapter 43 of title 38) that occurs on or after August 1, 1990. If the deceased was a retiree, OPM already has information about his/her military service.

If you have a copy of the deceased person's DD 214's or other discharge certificate(s) showing the dates of active duty and the deceased was a former employee at the time of death, you should attach it (them) to your application.

 Persons who performed active military service after December 31, 1956, must pay or have paid a deposit to receive credit under FERS for the military service.

If the deceased was an employee at the time of death, you may pay or complete the payment of the

deposit by completing the election form contained in SF 3104B, which can be obtained from the agency where the deceased was last employed. The deceased's agency can provide you with more information regarding this deposit.

Indicate whether the deceased ever received or applied for military retired pay.

If you are receiving military survivor benefits, the deceased person's military service is used for survivor purposes, subject to a reduction equal to the amount of your military survivor benefits. However, if such retired pay was awarded on account of a service-connected disability incurred in enemy combat or caused by an instrumentality of war in the line of duty during a war period, or was awarded under Chapter 67, title 10, (formerly title III) of Public Law 80-810 (reserve retired pay at age 60 based on 20 years of active and reserve service), no such reduction is required. You should attach a copy of your award of military survivor benefits verifying the award was based on one of the above reasons.

Section K - Applicant's Checklist

Use this section of the application to ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached.

SF 3104A

If the deceased was a retiree at the time of death and you are the surviving spouse, you should complete Standard Form 3104A, which is attached to this application. Instructions for completing SF 3104A are contained on the form itself.

SF 3104B

If the deceased was an employee at the time of death and you are the surviving spouse or former spouse, you and the deceased person's agency should complete Standard Form 3104B, which can be obtained from the deceased person's former employing agency. Instructions for completing SF 3104B are contained on the form itself.

Privacy Act Statement

Solicitation of this information is authorized by the Federal Employees' Retirement law (Chapter 84, title 5, U.S. Code). The information you furnish will be used to identify records properly associated with your application for Federal benefits, to obtain additional information if necessary, to determine and allow present or future benefits, and to maintain a uniquely identifiable claim file. The information may be shared and is subject to verification, via paper, electronic media, or through the use of computer matching programs, with national, state, local or other charitable or social security administrative agencies in order to determine benefits under their programs, to obtain information necessary for determination or continuation of benefits under this program, or to report income for tax purposes. It may also be shared and verified, as noted above, with law enforcement agencies when they are investigating a violation or potential violation of the civil or criminal law. Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996) requires that any person doing business with the Federal government furnish a Social Security Number or tax identification number. This is an amendment to title 31, Section 7701. Failure to furnish the requested information may delay or prevent action on your application.

Public Burden Statement

We think this form takes an average of 60 minutes per response to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, getting the needed data, and reviewing the completed form. Send comments regarding our estimate or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing completion time, to the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Reports and Forms Manager, Paperwork Reduction Project (3206-0172), Washington, D.C. 20415-0001. Completed application forms should not be sent to this address. The OMB Number 3206-0172, is currently valid. OPM may not collect this information, and you are not required to respond, unless this number is displayed.



Application for Death Benefits

Federal Employees Retirement System

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OMB	No.	3206-01	72

Section A - Information About the Deceased					
Full name of deceased (last, first, middle)	. Full name of deceased (last, first, middle)				
3. Date of death (mo, day, yr) (Attach a certified copy of	f the death certificate.)	Social Security Number			
5. List any other names the deceased used (ex. maiden	name or his/her middle name)	6. CSA number (if retired)			
7a.Was the deceased applying for or receiving workers' Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), Departr	compensation from the Office of nent of Labor? No Yes →	7b.OWCP claim number			
8. What was deceased person's employment status at t Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retiremen	he time of death (see pamphlet of t System")	entitled "Applying for Death			
Employee → Complete SF 3104B, which can be obtain the deceased person's former employing		ree → If you are the surviving spouse, complete SF 3104A (attached)			
9. Name of deceased person's spouse at time of death	(if not married at time of death wr	ite "none")			
10a. Name of deceased person's spouses from all former marriages	10b. How did each marriage end?	10c. Date each marriage ended (mo, day, yr)			
	Death Divorce/annulment				
	Death Divorce/annulment	t			
Section B - Infor	mation About the Applica	nt			
1. Your full name (last, first, middle)	2. Date of birth (mo, day, yr)	3. Social Security Number			
 4. Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No 5. I am applying for benefits as (check all boxes that applying for benefits)	of court order available) separate of the of the of court order Former spou Child (or as a guardian of i	use → Complete Section D below descendant of deceased child or minor or disabled child) fy):			
savings or checking account after the date of death?	No	Yes			
Section C - Information About the Deceased Person's Spouse (Complete if you are the widow(er).)					
Marriage performed by Clergy/Justice of the peace Have you remarried after your spouse died? Yes No	olain)	2. Date of marriage (mo, day, yr)			
4a Have you ever applied for a survivor annuity based or deceased spouse other than the one named above					
4b. Name of deceased former spouse 4d. Name of retirement system (e.g. Civil Service, Foreig	ın Service)	4c. Date of birth (mo, day, yr) 4e. Claim number (assigned to you			
If you will be receiving monthly payments, P.L. 104-13 savings account if possible. See Section I.	*	by retirement system in item 4d.) rect deposit into a checking or			

Section D - Information About the Deceased Person's Former Spouse (Complete if you are a former spouse)					
1a. Date of marriage to the deceased (mo, day, yr)		1b. Date of divorce from the	deceased ((mo, day, yr)
Is there a court order awarding you deceased person's FERS retirement	any portion of the	efits?	Yes, on record at OPM	Yes, att	tached No
3a.Are you paying for Federal Employe coverage to a former employing offi	es Health Benefi ce?	ts	No → Go to item 4a	☐Yes, →	➤ Go to item 3b
3b. Give name and address of agency	where you send h	ealth ben	eft premiums:		
4a. Have you married again since your	marriage to the de Yes, ➡ Go to ite		4b. Date of first marriage a ended <i>(mo, day, yr)</i>	fter marriage	e to deceased
5a. Have you ever applied for a survivo spouse other than the one named	r annuity based o	n the Fed		oouse or form	mer Complete items → 5b-5e below
5b.Name of deceased former spouse			•		f birth (mo, day, yr)
5d.Name of retirement system (ex. Civ Service, etc.)	ril Service, Foreig	n	5e.Claim number assigned item 5d.	to you by re	etirement system in
6. If you will be receiving monthly payr savings account if possible. See Se		34 require	s that you be paid by direct d	eposit into a	checking or
7. If you checked "Employee" in Section Federal service, and a court awards the deceased person's former employable.	on A.8, and your t s you all or a port	ion of the	Basic Employee Death Bene	fit or a survi\	vor annuity, contact
Section E - Inform	ation About t	he Dec	eased Person's Depend	dent Child	dren
1a. Are there any unmarried dependen	t children as defir	-	instructions? Complete items 1b-1f below	□No→	Go to Section F
1b. Name(s) of unmarried dependent children (list in order of birth)	1c. Date of birth (mo, day, yr)	1d. Child's	s relationship to deceased (child mer marriage, adopted,etc.)	1e. Age 18 or over	1f. Child's Social Security Number
				Student Disabled	<u>1</u>
2. Is there a child of the deceased not	yet born?	Yes → \	When born, send birth certific	ate for child	to OPM No
3a.Do you (the applicant) have respons	sibility for all the o	hildren in	Section E.1? Complete items 3b-3d below		→ Go to item 4a
3b.Name and address of person havi	ng responsibility f		3c. Name(s) of child		3d. Custodian's Relationship to child
					Legal guardian Other → Specify
					Legal guardian Other→ Specify
					Legal guardian Other → Specify

4a. Has anyone applied for benefits from the Social Security deceased?	y Administration (SSA) for m ► <i>(Application required for p</i>			the Yes			
4b. Have you attached a copy of the SSA's Notice of Award of benefits, and/or denial of benefits, and/or disability							
determinations for each child?							
Section F - Information About Other Heirs							
List other relatives who can inherit from the deceased as ex							
Full name of relative	Complete address	3	B. Relationship to	o deceased			
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Section G - Information Ab	out the Deceased Per	son's Es	tate				
1. Has an executor, administrator or other official been	2. Full name and addi	ess of pers	on appointed (st	reet, city,			
appointed by the court to settle the estate of the deceas	ed? state, ZIP code)						
No → Go to item 3 below Yes —	→						
3. If an executor, administrator or other official has not been	en court appointed, will one l	oe appointe	d? Yes	No			
Section H - Active Military Service (co							
Complete if deceased was an employee or former employee at the time of death, since OPM already has this 1. If the deceased performed active, honorable service in tinstructions, complete items 1a-e below and attach a conservice (if available).	i nformation. the Armed Forces or other u	niformed se	ervice as describ	ed in the			
,	h	Dates of a	ctive duty				
a. Branch of service	b. Dates of active duty From (mo, day, yr) To (mo, day, yr)						
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2. Complete if deceased was an employee or former emperformed after 12/31/56, was a deposit to the Retirement	ployee at time of death. It	any of the a	above listed serv	ice was			
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	nployee at the time of death	, complete :	and attach Stand	lard Form			
Yes Don't know No → 3104B which can be o 3a.All surviving spouses and former spouses complete		Je130113 101	iner employing a	igency.			
Was the deceased receiving military retired pay at the ti		s –	Πo				
3b. Did the deceased ever waive military retired pay?	Ye		No				
3c. Are you eligible for military survivor benefits? (Attach ve			1				
of your eligibility/ineligibility for such benefits)	Ye	s	No				
Section I	- Direct Deposit						
Public Law 104-134 requires that everyone who become paid by direct deposit into a savings or checking account permanent payment address is outside the United State government, or; (2) if they do not have a savings or checking account to the have one established for them by an authorized payment. Please send my annuity payments directly to my checking I hereby certify that I do not have a savings or checking established for me by an authorized payment agent. Ple	It at a financial institution. The in a country not accessible cking account in any financial agent. Therefore, you must or savings account. (Go taccount in any financial inst	ne only exceed via direct all institution st select on oitem 2.)	eptions are: (1) if deposit by the U and do not esta e of the following that none has be	f their .S. ablish one or g: een			
My permanent payment address is outside the United S	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	. •	•	•			
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	Section I - Direct	Deposit (Continued)					
Do you want to ha payments by Direction co-owner)	ve your survivor annuity payments made to to Deposit to the deceased before his or he	o the same checking or saving er death <i>(must be an active ac</i>	s acc count	ount t and y	ou mi	ch Ol	PM made e a TNo
3. Do you want your	survivor annuity payments made to a chec	king or savings account to wh	ich we		_	alread	
making payments	by Direct Deposit?		Γ	Υe	es		No
	n routing number (You may obtain this nur ry important. We cannot pay by direct dep)						
5. Checking or savin	gs account number	6. What kind of account is th	is?	□ Ch	neckin	a F	Savings
7. Name and addres	s of your financial institution			101	ICCKIII	9	Toavings
8. Telephone numbe	r of your financial institution <i>(including are</i>	a code)					
filling in the requested contact your bank, credirect deposit. (Some	orefer, you may attach a cancelled personal financial institution information. If you atta edit union, or savings institution to confirm institutions, especially credit unions, use on aying you by direct deposit.	ach your personal check, it is e that the information on the che	speci eck is	ally in the co	nporta orrect	nt tha ∷infor	at you mation for
	Section J - 0	Certification					
I hereby certify that a to the settlement of the application.	l statements made in this application are t is claim is withheld. I have read and unde	rue to the best of my knowledg rstand all of the information pro	ge and ovided	that in the	no evi e insti	idenc ructio	ce relating ons to this
1. Signature of appli	cant named in Section B. (sign in ink; do not	print.) 3 Daytime tele # (are	a code	e) 4.	Date)	
Best time to call you							
2. Mailing address Warning: Any intentionally false or misleading statement or response you provide in this application is a violation of the law punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years of both. (18 USC 1001)							
	Section K - Appl	icant's Checklist					
Attach copies of the f	ollowing documents to expedite the proces	ssing of your application.					
Document Title	Requireme	nt	Yes	tache No		Co	omments
Death certificate	Certified copy required in all cases						
Marriage certificate	Required if you were spouse of deceased than once, provide copies of all certificates	at time of death (if married more					
Child(ren)'s birth certificate	Recommended for all children for whom you are applying for benefits						
Social security award determinations	Needed for all minor children and spouse if spouse is under 60 and is currently eligible for mother, father or disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, based on deceased person's service. Also needed for all children who are unmarried and are age 18 or older, but who became mentally and/or physically disabled before age 18 and who, because of disability, are incapable of self-support. If not submitted, OPM will obtain the information from SSA; however, this may delay the processing of your claim.						
Court papers appointing executor/administrator	Required if you are applying as executor o person's estate	r administrator of deceased					
Court papers appointing guardian for minor or disabled child(ren)	deceased and guardian has been appointed	ed by court.					
DD 214's or other military discharge certificates	Provide if you are applying as surviving sp deceased was a former employee at time of information may delay the processing of you	of death. Failure to attach the					

FERS Federal Employees Retirement System

Survivor Supplement

Federal Employees Retirement System

Complete this form if deceased was retired at the time of death. Attach this form to the SF 3104 (Application for Death Benefits) before forwarding it to OPM.

To be completed by surviving spouse if he/she is under age 60 **and** the deceased had at least 5 years of creditable civilian service.

Iden	tifying Information				
Name of deceased retiree (last, first, middle initial)	Date of birth (mo, dy, yr)	Social Security Number	CSA claim number		
A survivor's supplement is an additional benefit to lesser of:	the basic survivor an	 nuity death benefit that is	equal to the		
The amount by which the survivor annuity that woul rules exceeds the basic annuity payable under Federal			• '		
The amount of a deemed widow/widower's Social S Employees' Retirement System.	Security benefit based on	the deceased's service und	der the Federal		
The deceased retiree must have performed 5 years of one full calendar year of service creditable under FERS		ditable under FERS or CSF	RS rules, including		
You may be eligible for a survivor supplement if you are	e the surviving spouse o	f a retiree and you are:			
1. under age 60; and					
2. entitled to Social Security benefits at age 60; and					
3. not presently eligible for Social Security mother, fath	ner or disability benefits I	pased on the deceased ann	uitant's account.		
To help us determine your eligibility for a survivor supp	lement, you should provi				
1. Name of surviving spouse (last, first, middle initial)		2. Spouse's date of birth	(mo, dy, yr)		
	Are you eligible for So deceased retiree's ser	cial Security disability benef vice?	its based on the		
		olied, but no response yet	Have not applied		
3b. Do you receive Social Security disability benefits ba	•		Ulava not applied		
Yes No No Are you eligible for Social Security mother or father	Applied, but no response benefits based on the de		Have not applied		
Yes No, I have been denied these benefits (attach photocopy of denial letter). No, I know I do not qualify for these benefits, (attach photocopy of denial letter). No, I know I do not qualify for these benefits as there are no surviving dependent children under age 16 or disabled who are entitled to SSA child's insurance benefits.					
5. If you are not currently receiving Social Security mother, father or disability benefits, do you agree to notify us promptly if you are later awarded any of these benefits?					
6. Signature	7. Date	8. Telephone number (inc	cluding area code)		