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Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF VETERAN STATUS (2021-2022)**

You reported that you are a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, or that you are currently on Active Duty on your California Dream Act Application (CADAA), and the SCC Financial Aid Office will need to confirm your status as a Veteran or your active duty status. Please check the applicable box below.

**I am not a Veteran or on Active Duty with the U.S. Armed Forces**

If you were considered independent based solely on you being a veteran or being on Active Duty and you **ARE NOT, you are required to correct the information on the CADAA. You will be asked to report your parent(s) income information and household size and obtain their signature in order to have your financial aid application processed.** You will be considered a **dependent student.** Contact the Santiago Canyon College (SCC) Financial Aid Office for assistance in completing these corrections and obtaining the proper forms to complete your file so that your financial aid can be processed.

***If you checked the box above please skip the rest of the form and sign and date at the bottom of the form.***

Indicate the status that applies to you. You must provide the documentation to confirm your Veteran's status below:

- I certify that I am a Veteran** of the U.S. Armed Forces. **Attach** a copy of your **DD-214** form (the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, with "Character of Service" as anything but "dishonorable") which was issued to you upon your discharge from Active Duty from the military. Make sure the copy of the DD-214 includes your discharge status. There is no minimum amount of time you have to serve, but it does have to be Active Duty. Contact a local regional office of the Veteran's Administration to ensure that your records are updated accurately.
  - Members of the National Guard or Reserves are only considered veterans for financial aid purposes **IF** they were called up to active federal duty by presidential order for purposes other than training or served on active duty and your discharge was other than dishonorable. You must submit a copy of your DD-214 form or a letter from your superior officer that documents the call-up to active duty.
  - If you attended a U.S. military academy or military academy preparatory school (not high school) for at least one day and were discharged prior to commission, you are a veteran for financial aid purposes. Documentation is required to process your status as independent. Submit a copy of your DD-214 form or proof that you were a cadet in a military academy. Your character of service must be "honorable" or anything other than dishonorable.
- I certify that I am on Active Duty** in the U.S. Armed Forces which include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard for purposes other than training. **Attach** a letter from your superior officer that documents the call-up to active duty and classifies the character of service as "honorable" (or anything other than dishonorable). If you will be released by June 30, 2021, you can bring in a copy of your DD-214 before the fall 2021 semester begins

**Certification and Signature**

I certify that all of the information provided by me is true and complete. The student whose information was reported on the CADAA must sign and date.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Rancho Santiago Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and all access to institutional programs and activities. The District, and each individual who represents the District, shall provide access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The Chancellor shall establish administrative procedures that ensure all members of the college community can present complaints regarding alleged violations of this policy and have their complaints heard in accordance with the Title 5 regulations and those of other agencies that administer state and federal laws regarding nondiscrimination. No District funds shall ever be used for membership, or for any participation involving financial payment or contribution on behalf of the District or any individual employed by or associated with it, to any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because of his or her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to: **Rancho Santiago Community College District Title IX Officer and Section 504/ADA Coordinator John Didion 2323 N. Broadway Santa Ana, CA 92706 Phone: (714) 480-7489**