

OTI POLICY ON VETERANS PRIORITY OF SERVICE

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. is required by law to provide priority of service to veterans and eligible spouses for US Government training grants. In an effort to make certain that all applicable aspects of TEGL 10-09 are enacted in recruitment, intake, training and job counseling at OTI, the following policy will be implemented.

Who is Eligible?

Veterans and eligible spouses, including widows and widowers as defined in the statute and regulations are eligible for priority of service. "Veteran" means a person who served at least one day in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Active service includes full-time Federal service in the National Guard or a Reserve component. "Eligible Spouse" means the spouse of any veteran who died of a service-connected disability; or any member of the Armed Forces who has been listed as MIA, captured in the line of duty by a hostile force or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government for more than 90 days; or any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability as evaluated by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs; or any veteran who died while a disability was in existence. A spouse whose eligibility is derived from a living veteran or service member would lose the eligibility if the veteran or service member were to lose the status that is the basis for the eligibility. Because OTI has a program directed toward women (that is, discretionary), the VPS policy is aimed at women who served and female eligible spouses.

Recruitment:

In addition to the normal channels for outreach and advertising, OTI is committed to participating in Veterans-related events. Staff and volunteers will point out Veterans Priority of Service (VPS) under our federal grants at all recruitment events, including Program Orientations. The OTI Website also reflects OTI's VPS policy. Marketing material that is funded and made possible by federal grants will also refer to VPS. (See image.)

WOMEN WHO SERVED WELCOME!



Intake and Training:

OTI's intake form includes request for information on Women Who Served or Female Veteran Spouse Status. When a Woman Who Served applies to the Pathways Program, she is first on any waiting list ahead of others. When she is not qualified for the EOI program, she is still eligible for priority status for the TAC classes. Women Who Served have priority for Ready to Earn funds as well. OTI will notify all Women Who Served and all eligible spouses of all the services that OTI has made available through its programs.

Job Counseling:

In helping to prepare graduated Women Who Served, OTI works in specific ways to insure documentation of Veterans Priority of Service, to help develop resumes, to reflect Veterans' preference in apprenticeship programs. Counsel on family help programs and support groups in the areas serviced by OTI or as needed by VPS.

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