

## ASSOCIATES PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please enter your name:

First Name

Middle Initial (optional)

Last Name

### Before you start completing this online application form, please review the information below.

- a) To ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements and
- b) For helpful tips about completing the form

## **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the Associates Program, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a current veteran, soon-to-be discharged U.S. military personnel or member of the National Guard or National Guard Reserve.
- Be currently residing or plan to reside in a qualified Colorado community and plan to stay in your community for a minimum of two years.
- Have been honorably discharged\* from the military.

\*Upon acceptance into the program, you will be asked to present your passport or green card and a Member Copy-4 of DD214.

## Here are some important tips before you commence completing this form:

- Some questions in this application ask you to describe your goals and previous life experiences. You may find it helpful to find a quiet, uninterrupted period of time when you can think about formulating a thoughtful response. If you need to take a break and return to complete your form at a later date, you may do so by simply closing your browser window. As you work on your application, your information is set to auto-save every 4 seconds, and the information you input will be retained for four weeks from the date you start the application.
- You will be asked to upload a resume, if you do not have an updated LinkedIn profile. Please have
  a current copy handy, if you would like to upload it.
- You will be asked for 3 references. You should identify your three references, get their approval and be prepared to input their names, phone numbers and email addresses when prompted in this online form.

Once you have everything, you will be ready to begin.

If you would like to review application questions prior to commencing to complete the form, please reference the printable PDF Version of the application.

## Section I: Current Employment & Military Background

## **Current Employment Status**

Please describe below your current employment status.

#### I am currently:

Employed full-time with a company/organization
Employed part-time with a company/organization
Self-employed
Unemployed

#### Do you have an updated LinkedIn Profile?

No

## **Military Background**

Please summarize your military background using the applicable text boxes below.

The text boxes next to any branch in which you did not serve, may be left blank. For example, if you served in the Army, complete the text boxes next to the "Army" label, including the following information:

a. The highest rank you achieved in each branch the amount of time you served in that grade

b. Your dates of service in each branch of service

c. The date you were discharged (ETS date) OR input "active" or "reserve", if applicable

d. Summarize your role within each applicable branch of service

#### Army

### Air Force

### Marines

**Coast Guard** 

# **Section II: Educational Background**

#### What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

Some high school

High school graduate

Some college

College graduate

Master's Degree

Ph.D.

### Are you currently enrolled in an educational program?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the name of your educational institution?

When do you expect to graduate?

Upon graduation, what degree or certification do you expect to have earned?

Please list honor societies or other clubs of which you are a member at your educational institution.

## **Section III: Personal Statements**

This section gives us a chance to hear about you, your professional interests and goals and how you think we might serve you.

Please share a story that helps us get to know the kind of person that you are. The story can describe a test of character, provide a funny anecdote, be about a profound encounter ...something that provides a glimpse of your character.

you have a 5-year vision, please share it.

How have your military experiences prepared you to achieve the plans you envision for yourself?

Why are you interested in becoming a Salute Colorado Associate, and how do you think our program will make a difference for you?

Please read the following quote and explain the significance of its message in your life: "In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility." — Eleanor Roosevelt

Describe your greatest strength as a leader and why you think it's important.

How have you made a positive impact on a community to which you belong? Include a description of the community (e.g. neighborhood, ethnic, religious, common interest, etc) and your role within it.

Describe a serious setback that you have experienced, how it effected you and how you handled it. What did you learn from the experience?

## Section IV: Your Colorado Community

An important part of our mission is to raise the public's awareness of who serves in the U.S. military today, about our veterans' diverse experiences during active duty and about their transition experiences into the civilian world. We believe that by hearing from our troops, civilians will become more educated and informed, while gaining a deeper appreciation of the freedoms that we all enjoy.

To that end, our program includes a public service requirement two times a year. An example of such a service would be a speaking engagement either at schools and/or community events or other sharing in a public forum. While we offer some guidance and a venue, if applicable, you will have control over what you share. If you have different ideas for how you would like to shape your events, we are open to considering them.

We view this public service component as important to cultivating a more informed and supportive community.

Please check the box below to indicate your agreement to participate.

### Agreement to Participate

If selected to participate in the Associate Program, I will be willing to participate in the public service component described above.

# **Section V: References**

Please provide three character references from people in your professional or academic life. For example, references can come from an employer, a professor, a guidance counselor, a community service coordinator, or a religious mentor. Please do not include references by family members.

Be sure to contact your references prior to putting them in this application, to obtain their agreement in being a reference for you, as they should be prepared to hear from us. We will contact them either via email or phone, to request their written or verbal recommendation.

## **First Reference**

Name

Company/Organization

Relationship to you		-	Years of Relation	Dn
E-mail address			Phone Number	
		-	Area Code	Phone Number
Second Reference				
Name			Company/Orga	nization
First Name	Last Name			
Relationship to you		-	Years of Relation	DN
E-mail address			Phone Number	
		-	Area Code	Phone Number
Third Reference				
Name			Company/Orga	nization
First Name	Last Name			
Relationship to you		-	Years of Relation	Dn

E-mail address

Phone Number

Area Code	Phone Number	

# **Section VI: Personal Information**

Birth Date		
Month	Day	Year
E-mail		
Home Number		
Area Code	Phone Numbe	r
Coll Number		
Cell Number		
Area Code	Phone Numbe	r
Address		
Street Address		
Apt/Suite #		
City		State
Postal / Zip Code		Country

#### Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Yes

No

#### Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

### **Background Check**

Note that all applicants who are offered a spot in our Associates Program will be required to submit to a criminal background check; final acceptance into the program will be contingent on our evaluation of and approval after the findings. In order for us to run a background check, we will need additional information, including, but not necessarily limited to, addresses of your previous residences and your social security number.

Having a criminal background does not automatically render you ineligible for our program.

I have read the above statement regarding background checks and agree to comply should I be offered a spot in Salute Colorado's Associates Program.

# Section VII: Certification of Truth & Accuracy

Please read the statement below and click to certify the truthfulness of the information provided in your application.

I certify that all information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any falsification or deliberate misrepresentation, including omission of a material fact, in completion of this application can be grounds for disqualification from consideration for and/or participation in this program.

# **Section VIII: Submit your application**

Before you submit your application, please review it to make sure you answered all questions. Incomplete applications will require follow up and may delay our review process.

If you're sure everything is filled out correctly, submit your application by clicking on the **submit** button below. We will send you a confirmation within 24-hours that we have received your application. Thank you!