

## APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED SERVICE STATUS

READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.  
 PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO ADDRESS BELOW.

Name (Last, First, Middle)		Social Security No. (last 4 digits only)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code
Tribe Name		Tribal Code	Last Day Paid For	Years of Service Credit

In accordance with Section 12 of the MERS Plan Document, I wish to remain a member of the Tribal Government Retirement System-MERS for the exclusive purpose of applying for and receiving a service retirement allowance upon satisfaction of the requirements in effect at the time of my termination of employment. If I do not satisfy the requirements at the time of my termination, I will satisfy them as follows:

- Employment with another TGRS-MERS or other MERS unit

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 (Name of Participating Tribal Government, or Participating Municipality or Court)

- I will return to a TGRS or MERS covered position within 20 years of my date of termination of employment

I understand it is my responsibility to keep MERS informed of address changes, and I understand it is my responsibility to send MERS a completed Application for Service Retirement 30-90 days before I am eligible to begin receiving my benefits.

Signature of Member	Date
Signature of Witness	Date

**PLEASE ENCLOSE PROOF OF BIRTH DATE.**

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NOTIFY THE RETIREMENT OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**

**RETURN TO:** Tribal Government Retirement System c/o TGRS-MERS  
 1134 Municipal Way  
 Lansing, MI 48917  
 Phone: (877) 641-8477 • Fax: (517) 703-9706

If you have speech or hearing difficulties and need assistance completing this form, contact the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777. If you have other disabilities, contact TGRS-MERS at 1-877-641-8477 to request special accommodations.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Your Personnel Office will assist you in completing this application. Various types of documentary evidence are acceptable to TGRS-MERS as proof of birth date. Any one document from Group I is sufficient.

### GROUP I

1. Certified copy of birth certificate\*
2. Delayed registration of birth established by the Probate Court
3. Infant baptismal certificate or certified copy
4. Certified copy of the family record in Bible
5. Verification of birth date by the Social Security Administration

If you cannot supply any of Group I, you may provide any two documents from Group II.

### GROUP II

6. School age record or certified copy
7. Military service record or certified copy
8. Marriage record if it shows date of birth
9. Naturalization certificate of member or of parent if member's age is stated on the certificate
10. Transcript of record from the United States Bureau of Census or Bureau of Indian Affairs
11. Copy of current U.S. passport
12. Copy of Tribal photo ID or other official Tribal records

\*If your current last name is different than the last name on your birth certificate, please provide a copy of marriage certificate or court order.

You are required to make application for Service Retirement thirty (30) days prior to attainment of required age. **Please keep the TGRS-MERS office informed of any change of address, so that the proper form can be mailed to you approximately two months prior to the birthday when you will have reached the age and service requirements for retirement.**