

**APPLICATION FOR SPOUSE PREFERENCE  
(Nonappropriated Fund Activities)**

TO: Nonappropriated Fund Personnel

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for spouse preference under provisions of the Military Family Act of 1985 for the following position for which I believe I am fully qualified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position Title

2. I have reviewed the definitions on the reverse side explaining spouse preference eligibility and I meet the criteria in item 3. I understand my preference eligibility may be exercised one time only for each permanent change of station. Further, I understand my eligibility will terminate when I either accept or decline a position for which I am registered. An application for (DA Form 3433) and a copy of the permanent change of station orders are attached. My spouse's reporting date to Stuttgart, Germany is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I understand that spouse preference will be considered for applicants applying for Nonappropriated Fund employment for positions in grades NF-03 and below or wage grade equivalent. This preference does not apply to noncompetitive procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DEFINITIONS

1. Geographical Area of Spouse Preference

Spouse preference eligibles shall be given preference in the same commuting area as that of the new duty station of the military sponsor. Customary commuting area definitions used with other regulatory programs shall be used.

2. Spouse Preference

An eligible spouse must request consideration at the time of initial application to the servicing CPO. Eligibility will be verified by means of the sponsor's PCS orders. Eligibility time period begins 30 days before the military sponsor's reporting date at the new duty location and continues during the entire tour or until acceptance or declination of a position offer (NAF or APF) at the grade for which preference has been requested. Preference is terminated on placement into any continuing position in the new duty location; that is, one expected to continue for at least 1 year, whether or not preference was applied. A flexible position is considered to be a continuing position. MACOM commanders may limit eligibility during the last 6 months of the tour. Eligible spouses will be given preference in the same commuting area as that of the new duty station of the sponsor, or in surrounding localities to which a spouse has determined he or she is willing to travel on a daily basis.

3. Spouse Preference Eligible

Wife or husband of an active duty military member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, relocating because of service under a statutory tour. To be eligible for preference, the spouse must have entered into marriage with the military sponsor before reporting to the new duty station.