

## **Our Mission**

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and meaningful experience for the veterans we serve. To protect all participants, we follow clear eligibility and conduct standards. Eligibility criteria and standards are formed in part by federal access-control criteria, including those used by Arlington National Cemetery, and Honor Flight of Southern Indiana.

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

### **Veterans**

Veterans must:

- Have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and meet service requirements
- Complete the required application
- Meet medical and mobility requirements
- Agree to follow all Honor Flight rules and instructions

### **Guardians**

Guardians must:

- Be at least 18 – 65 years old
  - Not be a spouse or significant other of the veteran
  - Complete the guardian application and required training
  - Be physically capable of assisting veterans
  - Agree to follow all Honor Flight rules and instructions
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## **Disqualification Criteria**

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana may deny participation to any veteran or guardian whose background or behavior does not comply with federal or military facility entry requirements, could compromise safety, dignity, mission integrity, or HFSI Code of Conduct standards.

This criterion applies before, during, and after the trip.

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## **Permanent Disqualification (No Time Limit)**

The following offenses or conditions result in automatic and permanent disqualification:

1. Inability to verify claimed identity and/or submitted fraudulent identity information.
2. Currently barred from any Federal Installation or facility.
3. Any active wants or warrants issued by local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement.
4. Any criminal charge(s) (as listed below) with an unknown disposition, where a conviction for the charge(s) would result in a denial.
5. Knowingly/willfully engaged in acts or activities to overthrow the U.S. Government by force in any jurisdiction or any country, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses.
6. Known/suspected terrorist or belong to known/suspected terrorist organization.
7. Registered Sex Offender in any state.
8. Conviction for espionage, sabotage, treason, or terrorism (not terrorism-related threats), including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses.
9. Distribution of, or possession with intent to distribute, a controlled substance, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses.
10. Rape, forcible sodomy, or sexual assault, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses. Any sexual offense involving a minor or child, including child molestation or child pornography, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses.
11. Kidnapping, hostage taking, human trafficking, or human smuggling, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses.
12. Conviction for murder, including conspiracy or attempt to commit such offense.

## **Disqualification for 10 Years After Offense/Conviction**

1. Any felony conviction not listed under permanent disqualification.

## **Disqualification for 5 Years After Offense/Conviction**

1. Three (3) or more convictions for operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs in any jurisdiction in the last 5 years.
2. Six (6) or more convictions of misdemeanor criminal offenses within the last 5 years, excluding moving violations.

## **Behavior-Based Disqualification (Non-Criminal)**

HFSI may also deny participation for:

- Aggressive, threatening, or disruptive behavior.
- Refusal to follow instructions from staff or medical personnel.
- Behavior that jeopardizes the safety or emotional well-being of others.
- Medical or behavioral conditions that cannot be safely accommodated.

## Our Commitment

These standards help ensure that every Honor Flight mission remains safe, respectful, and worthy of the veterans we serve. We appreciate your understanding and your commitment to honoring America's heroes.

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## Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the document provided to me titled, Veteran & Guardian Eligibility and Disqualification Policy.

I understand my identification will be scanned when entering Arlington National Cemetery and that certain legal or administrative matters may make me ineligible to enter, and/or detained.

I understand that if I am denied entry or detained at Arlington National Cemetery, or any other locations, Honor Flight of Southern Indiana and Honor Flight Network do not have any authority in these situations.

I understand in the event I am detained for any length of time, I may need to make my own arrangements, at my own expense, to rejoin the HFSI group or return home if I miss the scheduled flight.

I understand that if any disqualification criteria apply to me or I have questions, now or in the future, I will inform the HFSI Flight Director, at [flightdirector@honorflightSI.org](mailto:flightdirector@honorflightSI.org) or by calling HFSI at 812-297-4136.

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Printed Name

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Veteran or Guardian Signature

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Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date