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Instructions to help you successfully complete your new or renewal application for a Florida Notary Public commission.

Please type or print legibly on the application. All fields must be completed on the application. Please review the instructions while completing the Florida notary public application. We strongly recommend that you double-check the notary public application before sending it to us. Applications not completed correctly will delay processing time.

Florida Notary "Discount" Association Co. is an approved state educational provider and will execute bond upon receipt.

## Section 1

- ❖ As of 08/03/15 the category "other", "none" or "mixed" is not acceptable for race. The applicant must be specific when naming their race. Should the applicant choose mixed, they will need to specify the combination, i.e. White/Hispanic, Black/Asian etc.
- ❖ You must provide your Florida driver's license number or other State of Florida identification.

## Section 2

- ❖ You must answer all seven (7) questions in section 2.

## Affidavit of Character Section

- ❖ Have someone unrelated to you and that has known you for at least one (1) year fill in the blanks, and sign their name at the bold X (Signature of Affiant) in the affidavit of character section.

## Oath of Office Section

- ❖ Applicant must swear that he/she read Chapter 117/Florida Statutes, and that he/she knows the duties, responsibilities and limitations, and powers of a notary public. To read Chapter 117/Florida Statutes visit [www.notarybonding.com](http://www.notarybonding.com). Select the State of Florida and click the following link that reads: **Click here for simple step by step directions on how to become a new or renewal notary in Florida**. Once in the step by step directions go to Step 3 to read the Chapter 117/Florida Statutes.
- ❖ Note: As of August 3, 2015 you can no longer sign your notary application with only initials in the required signature area for the Oath of Office. I.e. J.D. Adams must be John D. Adams or John David Adams or J. David Adams.
- ❖ Sign your name at the bold X (Signature of Applicant – This is the name in which your commission and notary seal will be issued.) **Your name and your signature must be the same on the application and should be exactly as you wish to be commissioned.**
- ❖ Print or type your name exactly as signed, on the line provided next to your signature and date it.
- ❖ You must provide your entire social security number as required by the subsection 117.01 (2), Florida statutes. It may be used to facilitate a criminal background check.

## State of Florida Bond Of Notary Public Section

- ❖ Print or type your name on the top line.
- ❖ Sign your name at the bold X (Signature of Applicant) exactly as you signed on the oath of office section and date it.

### State of Florida Notary Public Eligibility:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a legal resident of Florida. Full-time residents only.
- Be able to read, write, and understand the English language.
- Be a United States citizen. If not, you must submit a recorded Declaration of Domicile. Obtain this document from your County Courthouse.
- If you have been convicted of a felony, had adjudication of guilt withheld, or are you on probation? If yes, you must submit a written statement of the nature of the offense(s), a copy of the court judgment and sentencing order. If convicted, you must submit a certificate of Restoration of Civil Rights.
- If you have been disciplined by a regulatory agency, including the Florida Bar, and including disciplinary action that is confidential? If yes, you must submit a written statement about the nature of the action and any supporting documentation, such as a copy of the Final Order from the regulating agency.