



SPECIAL NEEDS ANNUITY APPLICATION

IMRF Form 5.20R (05/2008)

BENEFITS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- If you **stopped participating in IMRF after August 16, 1997**, you may choose to reduce your monthly pension so you may either:
 - Provide your surviving spouse with a pension separate from the IMRF surviving spouse pension **OR**
 - Provide a monthly pension payable upon your death to some other individual
- Refer to the back of this form for details on how a Special Needs annuity is calculated.
- **Be sure to read “Restrictions and Limitations” on the back of this form.**
- You can fax this completed form to IMRF at 630-368-5397 or mail it to the address below.
- After receiving this form, IMRF will mail you an option letter. The option letter will provide three Special Needs annuities (three reduced pension amounts) and the amount of the pension payable under each to the individual you name on this form (item 5).
- **To process this request, IMRF must have on file a completed IMRF Form 5.20, “Application for Retirement Annuity (Pension)”**

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INFORMATION ABOUT YOU			
1. YOUR FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST	JR., SR., II, ETC.
			2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
3. MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP+4	4. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL ANNUITY (THE “SPECIAL NEEDS BENEFICIARY”)			
5. FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	MAIDEN (IF APPLICABLE)	JR., SR., II, ETC.
			6. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
7. MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP+4	
9. BIRTH DATE: MONTH	DAY	YR	(ATTACH COPY OF HIS OR HER BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PRINT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON IT)
			8. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
10. IS THIS INDIVIDUAL YOUR CURRENT SPOUSE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (IF NO, PROVIDE RELATIONSHIP TO YOU) _____			
Member signature (write; do not print or type) X			Date

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What is a Special Needs (Reversionary) Annuity?

- Under the Special Needs Annuity option, you choose to receive a lower pension amount so that upon your death you can provide:
 - Your surviving spouse with a pension in addition to the IMRF surviving spouse pension **OR**
 - A monthly pension payable to some other individual, for example, to your current spouse if he or she is not eligible for an IMRF surviving spouse pension, or to a child, ex-spouse, or any other person.

How is the reduction in your pension determined?

- When you retire, an estimated “total pension payout” for your monthly pension is calculated, that is, the total amount of all pension payments you can expect to receive during your lifetime.
- The “total pension payout” to you *and* to the individual you name cannot be greater than the total pension payout if you did *not* choose the Special Needs option.
- Therefore, the younger the age of the individual you name, the greater will be the reduction in your monthly pension. For example, if you name a child, the child may receive pension payments for 40, 50, or 60 years. The reduction in your pension would be greater than if you name an individual who is closer in age to you.

Your choices under the Special Needs option

The percentage of the pension payable to the individual you name (the “Special Needs Beneficiary”) depends upon whether you have a spouse eligible for an IMRF surviving spouse pension. If you elect the Special Needs option and:

- 1. Your spouse is eligible for a surviving spouse pension (married to you for at least one year before you stop participating in IMRF)**
 - Upon your death, your spouse will receive a surviving spouse pension equal to 50% of your unreduced pension.
 - If you elect the Special Needs option, your spouse will receive an *additional* pension equal to 25%, 35%, or 40% of the *reduced* pension you had been receiving. (You are not required to name your spouse, you can name any individual to receive the Special Needs annuity.)
- 2. You have no spouse or your spouse is not eligible for a surviving spouse pension**
 - You can elect a Special Needs annuity that will provide any one individual a pension equal to 50%, 75% or 100% of your reduced pension, that is, the reduced pension you will receive if you choose a Special Needs annuity.
 - **If your spouse is not eligible for a surviving spouse pension**, this option allows you to provide a benefit which is similar to IMRF’s surviving spouse pension.

Limitations and restrictions of a Special Needs option

1. You must choose a Special Needs annuity *at the time* you retire.
2. You can name only one individual to receive this pension. You cannot name a trust or institution.
3. This pension can be paid to *any* individual you name, whether or not a relative or your spouse.
4. If you choose to receive a reduced pension, you **cannot** change the:
 - Individual who will receive the pension after your death
 - Amount of the reduced pension you will receive
5. If the individual you name predeceases you, the pension that would have been paid to him or her is no longer payable. Your pension will **not** be adjusted. Once you agree to reduce your pension, the reduction is **permanent**.