



FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) Half-Fare Program

Dear Half-Fare Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the FRED Half-Fare Program. This program offers a discounted bus fare to qualified individuals. There are three categories used to determine eligibility:

1. An eligible person is one who meets the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA is a department of the United States Department of Transportation) definition of disabled, which is, "disabled persons means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary disability, are unable, without special facilities or special planning or design, to utilize mass transportation and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected"; or

Eligibility can either be permanent or temporary.

- A. **Permanent** means any impairment that is expected to last a lifetime that impairs an individual's ability to ride the bus.
- B. **Temporary** means any impairment that is expected to last for a period of at least three months and not more than twelve months.

2. Medicare recipients; or

3. Persons 65 years of age or older.

Eligible persons may ride FRED's regular or VRE service for half-fare during **ALL** hours of operation, effective July 1, 2016. Refer to www.rideFRED.com for hours.

WHAT IS THE HALF-FARE ID CARD?

- The Half-Fare ID card provides proof of eligibility for riders to use when purchasing discounted bus fares.
- The discounted fare is one-half of FRED's regular service fare.

- Applicants meeting the conditions for eligibility will be issued a photo identification card to be used for reduced fare. The card must be presented at the time of boarding to receive the half-fare discount.
- There is no charge to the applicant for the initial Half-Fare ID card, however if the card is lost or stolen, a replacement card will be issued at a cost of \$5.00.
- Your FRED Half-Fare ID card is to be used exclusively by you. Allowing others to use it is prohibited, and will result in the immediate loss of eligibility.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete the application and be sure to sign page 4,
- Mail or deliver your completed application to 1400 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Upon review and approval of your application, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment to have your photograph taken and receive your Half-Fare ID card.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Half-Fare Program, please contact Mr. Craig Reed, Manager Policy, Planning & Compliance, at rcreed@fredericksburgva.gov or call (540) 372-1222 ext. 209.

FRED Half-Fare Card Application

**All information will be kept strictly confidential*

Applicant information *(type or print in ink)*

First name

Last name

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

Phone number

Birth date

Emergency contact

First name

Last name

Emergency phone number

Relationship to applicant

I am applying for a Half-Fare ID Card on the following basis: *(please select only one)*

- 1. I am 65 years of age or older.
- 2. I am presenting a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration.
- 3. I am providing proof of eligibility and am receiving Social Security Disability Benefits or Supplemental Security Income Benefits due to disability.
- 4. I am providing proof of current eligibility by the Veterans Administration as having a disability.
- 5. I have an apparent impairment meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed in the Definitions of Disabilities section certified by a Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist (Ph.D.), Audiologist, or other qualified professional licensed in the State of Virginia*.

**FREDericksburg Regional Transit reserves the right to contact your Health Care Provider.*

If you selected #3, #4 or #5 on page 3, check the disability(ies) from the list below as applicable and sign below:

- Wheelchair/Non-Ambulatory:** requires use of wheelchair or three-wheeler for transportation that prevents independent mobility.
- Restricted Mobility/Semi-Ambulatory:** causes difficulty walking and requiring use of mobility aid (such as a cane or walker), and prevents independent mobility.
- Arthritis:** causes a functional motor defect in any two major limbs, and prevents independent mobility.
- Loss of Extremities:** with loss of major function that prevents independent mobility.
- Head injury:** with functional motor defect that prevents independent mobility.
- Respiratory Impairment (dyspnea):** occurs during activities such as climbing one flight of stairs, walking 200 yards on the level, or less exertion, or even at rest.
- Cardiac Disease:** results in marked limitation of physical activity.
- Disorders of the Spine:** fractures with motor and sensory loss, osteoporosis with pain and limitation of movement that prevents independent mobility.
- Nerve Root Compression Syndrome:** with pain and motion limitation in back of neck that prevents independent mobility.
- Motor Impairment:** due to faulty coordination or palsy from brain, spinal, or peripheral nerve injury that prevents independent mobility.
- Visual Impairment:** that prevents independent mobility.
- Hearing Impairment:** that prevents independent mobility.
- Development Disabilities:** that prevents independent mobility.
- Autism:** that prevents independent mobility.
- Neurological Impairment:** caused by cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, seizure disorder, or other neurological impairments not controlled by medication, and prevents independent mobility.
- Mental Impairment:** to the degree that independent mobility is prevented.

I certify that I meet the eligibility criteria indicated by the selected category on page 3 and that all statements made by me on this application and by any Certifier (Physician or other licensed professional) who is named in this application, including all statements, if any, concerning my disabilities*, are true and complete.

I acknowledge that I am the only person eligible to use the Half-Fare Program identification card and only in accordance with the program guidelines. If FRED determines that I have not followed the Half-Fare conditions of use, I understand that my Half-Fare identification card will be cancelled.

Applicant signature

Date

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE

Applicants must attach to the application, copies of the following based upon the Half-Fare Program eligibility category selected on page 3 of this application.

Senior Citizen – Proof of age:

(Check and provide one)

- Copy of Drivers License or
- Copy of Other Identification with Date of Birth

Medicare Recipient:

(Check and provide both)

- Copy of Medicare Care and
- Copy of Corroborating Photo Identification

Persons with a Disability:

(Check and provide one)

- Proof of Social Security Disability Status
- Proof of Veterans Administration Disability Status
- Doctor's Letter (**attach copy of letter**) and completed physician certification statement (**see below**) certifying temporary or permanent disability

If disability is temporary, please indicate the number of months.

(must be at least three months to be eligible)

PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION

Certifying Agent/Physician Name

Agency Name

Agency/Physician Address

Agency/Physician Phone Number

City

State

Zip code

Are you a licensed Physician? YES NO

Signature of Certifying Agent/Physician

Date

Identification Photo

Upon review and approval of your application, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment for taking a photograph and receiving your Half-Fare ID card. If you prefer to be contacted by e-mail, please provide your e-mail address in the space below. **Be sure to print clearly and legibly.**

E-mail Address:

CONDITIONS OF USE

The FRED Half-Fare identification card can be used as proof of eligibility for reduced fares on all FRED buses in accordance with program guidelines.

The FRED Half-Fare identification card may be used only by the person to whom it has been validly issued.

FRED reserves the right to revoke a FRED Half-Fare identification card for falsification of application information or rider misconduct.

The FRED Half-Fare identification card is valid only if you are disabled as stated in your application. If at any time you are no longer disabled as described, your eligibility automatically ceases and you must return the card to FRED.

The FRED Half-Fare identification card is valid until the date of expiration indicated on the card. The cardholder is obligated to contact FRED for card renewal.

FRED reserves the right to make Half-Fare Program changes without notice.

**For more information, call FREDericksburg Regional Transit
at: 540-372-1222**

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Application approved by:

Application approval date:

ID card issued by:

ID card expiration date: