



REDUCED FARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Okaloosa County's public transportation system, the **E.C. Rider**, operates a fixed-route reduced fare program for the elderly, persons with disabilities or an individual presenting a Medicare card.

Please Print or Type

Name: _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Qualifications Requirements

NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE RIDERS THAT ARE REQUESTING THE REDUCED FARE CARD ISSUED BY E. C. RIDER AND RIDERS SEEKING APPROVAL BASED ON A DISABILITY ONLY. THIS APPLICATION IS NOT REQUIRED IF USING A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR ELDERLY RIDERS OR A MEDICARE CARD WITH A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD

"Elderly" by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations is defined to include all persons 65 years of age or over. ***However, Emerald Coast Rider allows riders 60 and over to qualify for Reduced Fares*** which is consistent with the State of Florida's Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. To qualify and ride for a reduced fare based on age, you may present a valid state issued identification card such as a Driver's License, Passport or State ID clearly showing Date of Birth must be presented when boarding the fixed-route bus. You may also complete an application with documentation showing date of birth at the EC Rider Office to obtain a Reduced Fare card.

"Disability" is defined by FTA as persons "who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including any individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capabilities, cannot use effectively, without special facilities, planning, or design, mass transportation service or a mass transportation facility. To qualify and ride at a reduced fare based on a disability, an EC Rider issued Medical Verification Form must be completed by your Physician and returned to the EC Rider Office for approval. The EC Rider Office will then issue the rider a Reduced Fare Card.

"Medicare" is available for people age 65 or older, younger people with disabilities, and people with end stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure required dialysis or transplant). To qualify and ride for a reduced fare with a Medicare Card, the rider must present the Medicare Card **AND** proof of identity upon boarding the fixed-route bus.

Upon a determination of eligibility after processing the completed application and receipt of qualifying documentation, your *E.C. Rider* Reduced Fare Identification Card will be mailed to the address on file FREE of charge. The card **MUST** be presented each time you ride the bus in order to receive the reduced fare.

The E.C. Rider Reduced Fare Cards do NOT expire for the elderly, those whose determination of disability is of a permanent nature and as long as the Medicare card is valid. Although the initial card is Free, replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

Please complete the application and mail along with qualifying documents to:

Emerald Coast Rider

600 Transit Way

Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

Phone: (850) 833-9168

Email: TDapplications@co.okaloosa.fl.us

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

