

## Proposed Occupation List for 2025 Hometown Heroes Program

This proposed occupation list follows the language in SB 2502, the Implementing Bill for the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, eligibility for financial assistance through the program appropriated in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act shall be limited to the following borrowers:

- A person employed full-time by a Florida-based employer as a health care worker, school staff member, first responder, public safety or court employee, or child care worker;
- A servicemember of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; or
- A veteran employed full-time by a Florida-based employer.

### **HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

**Borrowers employed full-time by a Florida-based healthcare provider/physician, hospital, assisted living facility, healthcare facility, and mental health facility are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:***

#### **Nursing**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)  
Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)  
Nurse Anesthetist  
Nurse Midwife  
Nursing Assistant (CNA)  
Nursing Technician  
Registered Nurse (RN)

#### **Medical Technicians**

Anesthesia Support Technician  
Cardiology Technician  
Clinical Technician  
Computed Tomography (CT) Technician  
Emergency Room (ER) Technician  
Laboratory Technician (Including Phlebotomist)  
Monitor Technician  
Music Technician  
Neurology Technician  
Nuclear Medicine Technician  
Orthopedic (Ortho) Technician

Pharmacy Technician  
Radiation Technician  
Rehabilitation (Rehab) Technician  
Sonographer  
Surgical Technician  
X-ray Technician

**Medical Therapists**

Audiology Therapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Physical Therapist  
Respiratory Therapist  
Speech Therapist

**Physicians & Pharmacists**

Anesthesiologist  
Anesthesiologist Assistant  
Dentist  
Hearing Aid Specialist  
Nuclear Pharmacist  
Optician  
Orthotist  
Pharmacist  
Pharmacy Technician  
Physician  
Physician Assistant  
Prosthetist

**Mental Health Workers**

Psychiatrist  
Psychologist  
Behavioral Health Technician  
Behavioral Therapist  
Mental Health Specialist  
Social Worker

**Other Healthcare Workers**

Acupuncturist  
Assisted Living Administrator  
Genetic Counselor

Home Health Aide  
Massage Therapist  
Medical Assistant (CMA or MA)  
Patient Care Assistant  
Patient Transporter (Orderly)

#### **SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS**

**Borrowers employed full-time by a Florida-based K-12 public, private, charter or magnet school are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:***

Assistant Principal  
Career Specialist (Guidance Counselor)  
Classroom Teacher  
Food Service / Cafeteria Staff  
Librarian / Media Specialist  
Maintenance / Janitorial Staff  
Principal  
School Counselor  
School Psychologist  
Social Worker  
Teacher Aide

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Borrowers employed full-time by a FL-based fire department, ambulance service or hospital are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:***

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)  
Firefighter  
Paramedic

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS**

**Borrowers employed full-time by a Florida-based local, county, state, or federal law enforcement department, juvenile detention facility, correctional facility or emergency operations center are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:***

911 Public Safety Communicator (911 Operator or Dispatcher)  
Adult Protective Services Enforcement  
Child Protective Services Enforcement  
Correction Officer  
Correctional Probation Officer

Juvenile Detention Officer  
Juvenile Probation Officer  
Sworn Law Enforcement Officer (Local, State or Federal)

#### **COURT EMPLOYEES**

Borrowers employed full-time by a Florida-based county, state or federal court, court administrator's office, State Attorney's Office, or Public Defender's Office are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:*

Assistant Public Defender  
Assistant State Attorney  
Attorney  
Court Clerk  
Court Stenographer (Court Reporter)  
Judge

#### **CHILD CARE WORKERS**

Borrowers employed full-time with a Florida-based licensed child care facility pursuant to s.402.301-402.305 or exempt from licensure pursuant to s.402.313 and 402.316 are eligible. *Examples include, but are not limited to:*

Any worker at a licensed Child Care facility  
Any worker at a licensed or registered family day care home

#### **MILITARY**

A servicemember of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard, including:

Air Force, Air Force Reserve & Air National Guard  
Army, Army Reserve & Air National Guard  
Coast Guard & Coast Guard Reserve  
Florida National Guard  
Marine Corps & Marine Corps Reserve  
Navy & Navy Reserve  
Space Force & Space Force Reserve

#### **VETERANS**

Veterans employed full-time by a Florida-based employer who have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions from one of the eligible Military or Reserve branches above.