

# Election NOT to Become a Member of the Fairfax County Employees' Retirement System

**As a new employee with Fairfax County Government, you will automatically be enrolled in the Fairfax County Employees' Retirement System (FCERS)**

There are some instances where a new Fairfax County employee may choose whether to remain a member of the Retirement System or choose to "opt out" of System membership. You may choose to "opt out" of enrollment in FCERS if one of the following circumstances applies:

1. If you are an elected official (including constitutional officers and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices) or the appointed deputy or assistant of an elected official, hired in any position except exempt limited term
2. If you are an employee who is **over the age of 59½ when you start working** in a retirement-eligible position for Fairfax County

If you specifically elect NOT to be a member of FCERS, you must complete and submit this form to the Retirement Systems office within 30 days of appointment. Be sure to attend the New Employee Orientation to learn about Retirement Plan E, and review the *Active Employees' Retirement Handbook* found on the Retirement Systems website under "Publications" by clicking the link for "Handbooks".

-- Individuals over age 59½ may not elect to leave the system once enrolled.

-- Elected officials or staff who fall in category 2 above may elect to opt out after initial enrollment.

Prior service is available for purchase to those that could have participated but opted out. Prior service purchase rules and interest charges will apply. Please call the Retirement Systems office with any questions.

- I am an elected official (constitutional officer or person appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective office) or the appointed deputy or assistant to an elected official in a position other than exempt limited term.
- I am over age 59½.

Although I am eligible to be a member of the Employees' Retirement System I elect NOT to be a member.

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name

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Social Security Number (last 4 digits)