

## YOUR RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is against the law for a sponsor of an apprenticeship program registered for Federal purposes to discriminate against an apprenticeship applicant or apprentice based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 years or older), genetic information, or disability. The sponsor must ensure equal opportunity with regard to all terms, conditions, and privileges associated with apprenticeship.

## FILING A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

If you think that you have been subjected to discrimination, you may file a complaint within 300 days from the date of the alleged discrimination or failure to follow the equal opportunity standards with:

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11654 Plaza America Drive #536 Reston, VA 20190 Mobile: (678) 878-1941 <u>nbass@spgroup.org</u> Attn: Nicole Bass, President Service Professionals

You may also be able to file complaints directly with the EEOC, or State fair employment practices agency. If those offices have jurisdiction over the sponsor/employer, their contact information is listed below.

## **VEC Central Office**

1-866-832-2363 Mailing Address P.O. Box 26441 Richmond, VA 23261-6441

For TTY\* Callers: Virginia Relay, Call 711 or 800-828-1140.

\* NOTE: Virginia Relay enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing, Deaf/Blind, or speech disabled to communicate by TTY (text telephone).

EACH COMPLAINT FILED MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: 1. Complainant's name, address, and telephone number, or other means of contact, for contacting the complainant.

2. The identity of the respondent (i.e. the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity that the complainant alleges is responsible for the discrimination).

3. A short description of the events that the complainant believes were discriminatory, including but not limited to when the events took place, what occurred, and why the complainant believes the actions were discriminatory (for example, because of his/her race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, national origin, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability).

4. The complainant's signature or the signature of the complainant's authorized representative