Eligibility & Requirements: *

To be eligible, the applicant for a loan must meet the following requirements:

- **Currently serving in any branch of the United States military** (and must provide a letter of support from their commanding officer or designated representative attesting to their characterization of service.)

  OR

- Has served in any branch of the United States Military and received an ‘Honorable’ or ‘General (Under Honorable Conditions)’ characterization of service upon discharge from the military and can provide proof by submitting a Department of Defense Form DD-214. (Veterans with a characterization of service of ‘Other than Honorable’ may be eligible based on a more thorough review of their individual situation.)

  And

- Have at least a **minimum of 50% veteran ownership and a minimum of 50% veteran management control** in the agribusiness and farming operation.

* Note: MARBIDCO must be notified at the time of loan application about the intent to seek Home Town Hero interest rate reduction eligibility.

**MARBIDCO Programs that are Included:**

- Maryland Resource Based Industry Financing Fund
- Rural Business Equipment and Working Capital Loan Fund
- Maryland Vineyard/Hops/Tree Fruit Planting Loan Fund
- Forestry Equipment and Working Capital Loan Fund

Applications for these programs can be found at: [www.marbidco.org](http://www.marbidco.org).

For information concerning the Farmer Veteran Coalition, please visit: [https://fvc.secure.force.com/auth/](https://fvc.secure.force.com/auth/)