



2021 NON-RESIDENT "PROPERTY-ONLY HUNTING" FIREARM DEER PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- "Property-Only Hunting" applications will be accepted as soon as they are available. **The deadline to apply is September 1, 2021. Please assist us by applying early.** Applications received after this date will be returned.
- You must use an official 2021 Non-Resident "Property-Only Hunting" Deer Permit application form. If you use a previous year's application form, it will be RETURNED.
- Applications will be REJECTED, fees forfeited and permits revoked if you receive or attempt to receive more than one Either-Sex and/or one bonus Antlerless-Only Firearm permit(s) before June 30.
- Permits are not transferable.
- A non-resident qualified individual is eligible for up to a maximum of 4 POH permits: 2 firearm and 2 archery.
- Individuals that apply for or receive non-resident POH Firearm Deer permits may apply for muzzleloader deer permits in the second muzzleloader-only lottery, but they may not apply for additional firearm deer permits until the third lottery period. Individuals are not eligible for non-resident property-only hunting firearm deer permits after applying for/receiving non-resident firearm lottery deer permits.

THIRD LOTTERY - Applications for the Third Lottery will be accepted through August 20. Anyone (regardless of other deer permits they may have) may apply for one or more permits in the Third Lottery.

OVER-THE-COUNTER PERMIT SALES - Permits remaining after the Third Lottery will be available over the counter from license vendors beginning October 19 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted or until the close of the firearm deer season, whichever occurs first. Individuals may purchase one or more permits during this period, subject to availability.

2021 FIREARM SEASON DATES

November 19 - 21, 2021 (First Season)

December 2 - 5, 2021 (Second Season)

Cook, DuPage, Lake and portions of Kane County east of State Route 47 are closed to firearm deer hunting.

An individual may use either a shotgun, a muzzleloader or a handgun with a firearm permit during the first and second firearm seasons. *In addition, during the first and second firearm seasons, archery devices may be used by hunters legally hunting on private property only; a firearm permit must be used.*

- Individuals with unfilled POH firearm deer permits may also use these permits:
- with a muzzleloader during the Muzzleloader-Only Season (Dec. 10-12, 2021)
 - with a shotgun, muzzleloader or handgun during the Late-Winter Season (Dec. 30, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022 & Jan 14 - 16, 2022) only if their property is in an open county
 - with a shotgun, muzzleloader or handgun during the CWD Season (Dec. 30, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022 & Jan 14 - 16, 2022) only if their property is in an open county

ELIGIBILITY

- Non-resident landowners who own 40 acres or more of land may apply for a POH permit to hunt ONLY the owned property.
- For the purposes of establishing eligibility for POH permits, the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of an acre up to the next whole acre [520 ILCS 5/2.26].
- If the property is owned by more than one person, only one landowner (and his immediate family) will be issued permits for every 40 acres owned. For example, if three persons own 90 acres, only two of the landowners and their immediate families may receive permits.
- Members of the immediate family (limited to the spouse, children or parents permanently residing on the same property as the landowner) are eligible to apply for POH permits.
- A hunting rights lease or other non-agricultural lease is not valid for a POH permit.

Proof of landownership for ALL applications must be provided by submitting a copy (ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED) of one of the following:

- Recorded property deed;
- Recorded contract for deed;
- Most recent real estate tax statement for property (upon which the landowner's name and acreage appears);
- Current Farm Service Agency 156 EZ form.
- Trust agreement, which must indicate that the trust owns at least 40 acres and the applicant is listed by name as a **current** income beneficiary of the trust.

Shareholders of corporations/members of LLCs/Trusts

Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations, bona fide equity members of LLCs, bona fide current income beneficiaries of trusts owning 40 or more acres of land in a county may apply for one permit to hunt the corporation, LLC, or trust lands only. Only one permit per 40 acres, for a maximum number of 15 permits per county for corporations, trusts, and LLCs shall be issued based on ownership of lands by corporations, LLCs, or trusts. Lands leased to corporations, LLCs, or trusts shall not be considered as a basis for a permit of the lessee. Lands held in trust by corporations or LLCs shall not be considered as a basis for a permit by the shareholders or members of the trustee. If application is made for a permit based upon lands owned by the corporation, LLC, or trust, a duly authorized officer of the corporation, LLC, or trust must sign a notarized statement authorizing the applicant to hunt on the corporate, LLC, or trust lands for which a permit is being requested. This statement must identify the applicant as a bona fide equity shareholder, member, or beneficiary as defined in this subsection; identify authorization to hunt; and identify that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation, LLC, or trust lands.

Corporation applicants must submit a copy of ownership interest in a **for-profit** corporation with a fully-executed stock certificate, articles of incorporation or corporate agreement.

Bona fide equity shareholder means an individual who:

- purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock shares in a corporation; purchased shares of a privately-held corporation for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets represented by the ownership in the corporation; or is a member of a closely held family owned corporation and has purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of ownership;
- Intends to retain the ownership of the shares of stock for at least 5 years.

Limited Liability Company applicants must submit a copy of the LLCs articles of organization or the operating agreement identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member.

Bona fide equity member means an individual who:

- Became a member upon the formation of the LLC; or has purchased a distributional interest in an Illinois limited liability company for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act;
- Intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years;
- Members of Foreign LLCs must include the latest, file-stamped, filing with the Illinois Secretary of State as part of the application for a permit.

Trust applicants must submit a copy of a trust agreement, which must indicate that the trust owns at least 40 acres and the applicant is listed by name as a current income beneficiary of the trust.

Bona fide current income beneficiary means an individual who at the time of application for a permit, is entitled to income (whether income exists or not) from the trust which owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.)