



2021 NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY-ONLY HUNTING SPRING WILD TURKEY PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Non-Resident POH (Landowner) applications will be accepted as soon as they are available. **Application deadline date is February 9, 2021.** You must use an official 2021 Non-Resident Property-Only Hunting Spring Wild Turkey Permit application form. If you use a previous year's application form, it will be **RETURNED**.
- The **fee** for a Non-Resident POH Spring Wild Turkey permit is **\$37.50**.
- Permits are not transferable. Individuals may receive only one POH permit.
- A NR-POH Spring Wild Turkey permit allows the holder to hunt with either a shotgun or bow and arrow.
- A Non-Resident Spring Wild Turkey POH permit is valid for all 5 regular spring turkey seasons in either the Northern or Southern zones (depending upon where your land is located), but allows the taking of only one wild turkey. The Northern Zone includes that portion of Illinois north of Crawford, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Bond, and Madison Counties. The Southern Zone includes the remainder of the state.
- Eligible individuals who obtain a NR-POH Spring Wild Turkey permit may apply for one additional permit in the 2nd Lottery and one additional permit in the 3rd Lottery. Additional Lottery permit opportunities are explained on the Non-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Lottery application (\$125).
- No individual may apply for or receive more than three permits for the spring turkey season. The three-permit total includes lottery-drawn, youth, landowner, and OTC permits.

ELIGIBILITY

- For the purposes of establishing eligibility for Property-Only Hunting 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 immediate family) shall be issued a permit on a first-come, first-served basis for every 40 acres of owned land. For example, if 3 persons own 90 acres, only 2 of the landowners and their immediate families may receive permits.
- Members of the immediate family are limited to the spouse, children or parents *permanently residing on the same property* as the landowner.

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

- property deed, recorded/file-stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
- contract for deed, recorded/file-stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
- most recent real estate tax statement for the property that identifies the acreage (upon which landowner's name appears as landowner, or the person signing the application appears as landowner);
- current Farm Service Agency 156 EZ form;
- copy of Trust Agreement that indicates the Trust owns at least 40 acres and applicant is a CURRENT income beneficiary of the Trust.

For Corporations/LLCs/Trusts

Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations, bona fide equity members of LLCs, and 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 and LLCs shall not be considered as a basis for a permit by the shareholders/members of the Trust.

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; provide authorization to hunt; and declare that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation, LLC, or Trust lands.

IN ADDITION TO LANDOWNER PROOF, the following documents must be enclosed with the application upon submittal to the DNR Permit Office:

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 LLC's articles of organization or the operating agreement.

Bona fide equity member means an individual who:

- Became a member upon the formation of the LLC; or has purchased a distributional interest in a 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; and
- Intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years.

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 that owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt, with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.) other than the trustee distributing the income; and is listed by name in the Trust documents as an income beneficiary.

HABITAT STAMP/HUNTING LICENSE:

Before any person 18 years of age or older takes, attempts to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps. Any person who obtained a Lifetime License before January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp. All landowners that do not reside on the property must possess a valid Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice license, *unless exempt (520 ILCS 5/3.1).*