

# 2016 FALL TURKEY

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Turkey..... September 16

## LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives complaints from hunters who drew a license and couldn't get permission to hunt private land once the season opened. Do not apply just because licenses are available. Have permission to hunt before you apply. If you don't get permission before you apply, you may not be able to get permission during the season.

## APPLY ONLINE: [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov)

Applying online is as easy as it has ever been for any type of big game hunting license in South Dakota. Simply visit [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov) to apply online. You cannot miss the link from the homepage that says "Purchase/apply for a Hunting/Fishing License." From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not already have an account, you will be required to create one. You will begin by selecting a season to apply for and your first choice hunting unit. Please note that you are required to provide a credit or debit card number to finish the transaction. Upon completion and submission of your application, you are then placed directly into the drawing for the unit you selected. Preference points are automatically included if you had any from previous years. To learn more about applying online, a tutorial video is available and will walk you through the process step by step. If you have 10 minutes, take the time to watch this video online at [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov).



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South Dakota Department of  
**GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Drawing Statistics Now Available:** Applicants may access past drawing results online from the GFP website: [gfp.sd.gov/licenses/general-hunt-fish](http://gfp.sd.gov/licenses/general-hunt-fish). The same link is available as an option when you sign into the online application system. Drawing information will be available from past seasons and 2016 information will be available when the drawing is complete.

### Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for, purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit. A domicile is a person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning, and
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose, and
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country, and
- Prior to any application for any license, transfer to SD the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:

- Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to business of the United States or SD, or is serving in the armed forces of the US, or the spouse of an active duty military person;
- Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to the person's regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a fulltime student or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the US or that person's spouse who is continuously stationed in SD;
- Any person who is a patient in any war veterans' hospital within SD;
- Any person who is an employee of the veterans' administration or any veterans' hospital in SD;
- Any person residing on restricted military reservations in SD;
- Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in SD as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16 who has completed the GFP course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction and who has resided in SD for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
- Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of SD.

### Termination of Residency

A person (other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country; or
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person's domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.

However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

### Social Security Number

The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. This information will be kept confidential. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments.

*South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services - Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor's Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605-773-6456.*

### Submitting Applications

Applications may be submitted online or on the forms provided in this pamphlet (the forms may be photocopied), and may be mailed in the self-addressed envelopes provided or in the applicant's envelope. Proper postage must be affixed to the envelope to ensure delivery.

**Mail to:** Game, Fish and Parks License Office 20641 SD Hwy 1806  
Fort Pierre, SD 57532

## Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery.

## Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund check from the State of South Dakota if they applied by paper application. Each member of a group who applied together will receive a separate refund. Members of a group who sent one check will be responsible for reimbursement among themselves. Those who applied online using a credit card will be charged only if they are successful in the drawing. Those unsuccessful will not be charged and there will be no refund required.

## Preference Points

A fee (\$5 resident, \$10 nonresident) is required for all preference points. Purchasing a preference point is optional. Unsuccessful first choice applicants will not receive preference unless the appropriate fee is submitted with the application. Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first drawing. One point may be purchased each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference is valid on first choices in the first drawing only. Purchased preference points are automatically credited to an application and even if you do not apply the following year. Your preference will be available for the same season for up to five years. Preference cannot be transferred to another person and is only valid for the first drawing in the applicant's first unit-type choice. If you have any questions about your preference, please contact our Information Office.

**Note:** *Applicants who draw a first-choice license and subsequently refuse to take the license will lose all accumulated preference and eligibility.*

## Resident Landowner Preference

- Half the resident permits are set aside in the first drawing for residents who qualify for landowner preference.
- To be eligible for landowner preference, a landowner or tenant must operate at least 160 acres of private land within the unit applied for as first choice.
- "Operate" means: to lease or hold fee title to farm or ranch real property and be directly involved in the management decisions made for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- "Agricultural purposes" includes the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, crops, timber, and grasslands.
- Land leased solely for hunting, fishing or trapping does not qualify for landowner preference.
- A landowner or tenant, but not both, may claim landowner preference for the same qualifying property.
- Immediate family members are eligible, and include the applicant's spouse and the applicant's children residing with the applicant or on land owned or leased by the resident farmer or rancher.
- Employment on a farm or ranch alone does not qualify an individual for landowner preference.
- Shareholders of a corporation, members of a limited liability company holding a membership interest in the company, partners in a partnership, and beneficiaries of a trust entitled to the current income and assets held in trust; all organized and in good standing under the laws of South Dakota are eligible for landowner preference if:
  1. The entity holds title to 160 acres or more of private land located within the hunting unit applied for;
  2. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary applying for landowner preference is a resident; and
  3. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary has responsibility for making the day-to-day management decisions for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- Nonresident landowners do not qualify for this preference.

## Age Eligibility

- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2016 to hunt.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.

- Residents and nonresidents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must use a paper application and leave that information blank on the application form. If drawn, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.
- Information on the "Mentored Hunt" program is found in a separate application form.

## Submitting Fees

You must submit the appropriate license fee to cover the cost of each season applied for on this multiple application form as well as any preference point fees. One check may be written to cover the cost of all seasons you apply for on this form. We recommend the fee be sent in the form of a personal check, but a cashier's check, money order or cash will be accepted. Cash is not recommended. Make checks payable to "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks." Payment for applications submitted online must be made with a valid credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express). Your credit card will not be charged until you are either, 1) successful in the drawing, or 2) unsuccessful in the drawing but elected to receive a preference point. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full. A bad check will either void the license if the draw has not yet occurred; or if the drawing has been completed, it will result in the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any back check fees and penalties are paid in full.

## Application Rules

- Applications not properly filled out will be returned.
- You may submit only one application per season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license. See "Application Deadlines" for rules allowing additional licenses.
- Applicants applying for differently priced licenses as first and second choice must include the higher fee. You will receive a partial refund if you draw the lower-priced license.
- Applicants wishing to receive a preference point for seasons in which they are unsuccessful in their first choice, must include appropriate preference point fee.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

## Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- Applications submitted in the same group with first or second choices that do not match will be treated as individual applications in the drawings, not as a group application.
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group.
- An incomplete application voids all other applications in the group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points: Doing so gives all applicants the lowest point represented in the group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group. Either all in the group will be drawn together or all will be rejected. Residents must submit the resident fee and nonresidents must submit the nonresident fee. This is valid only in seasons and units where both resident and nonresident licenses are available for a specific drawing. It should be noted that in most instances, residents who apply with nonresidents will have a diminished chance of drawing a first-choice license.

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

**NEW FOR 2016:** Modified Unit 08A (Davison and Hanson counties) to include the area within an immediate vicinity around the city of Mitchell; dissolved the West River prairie unit; removed the limit of two fall turkey licenses per person; and renamed unit NE1 to 48A.

**TRIBAL LANDS.** State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons applying to hunt on Tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands.

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- Use the entire 8-digit number in the first column when filling out “Season-Unit-Type” on the big-game application form.

Example: 

P	F	T	0	1	A	3	1
Season			Unit			Type	

### Significant changes from 2015:

- Modified Unit 08A (Davison and Hanson counties) to include the area within an immediate vicinity around the city of Mitchell and dissolved the West River prairie unit.

**Season Dates:** Nov. 1, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017

**License Eligibility:** Residents are eligible for all units. Nonresidents are eligible for all units west of the Missouri River.

**Individual License Quota:** Applicants may have one license from the first or second drawing, and a total of two licenses maximum in the third drawing and thereafter.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First Deadline** - Applications must be postmarked not later than Sept. 16, or apply online through 8 a.m. CDT on Sept. 21. Applicant may submit only one application per person. Results available online by Sept. 23.

**Second Deadline** - Applications must be postmarked no later than Sept. 30, or apply online through 8 a.m. CDT on Oct. 5. Those who do not already have a license may submit only one application per person. Results available online by Oct. 7.

**Third Deadline** - Applications must be postmarked no later than Oct. 14, or apply online by 8 a.m. CST Oct. 19. Results available online by Oct. 21. Anyone may apply for additional licenses (two maximum for the season). Licenses remaining for this drawing are pooled and made available to both the resident and nonresident drawings.

**Leftover Licenses** - After the third deadline drawings, licenses remaining will be issued first-come, first-served. Licenses are available to individuals whether or not they already have a license. An individual may have a maximum of two fall turkey licenses for any unit or combination of units.

### SEASON-UNIT-TYPE CHOICES

#### PFT-07A - YANKTON CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
100 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

**PFT-08A** - DAVISON and HANSON CO. immediate vicinity around the city of Mitchell. Hunters restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotgun, and archery hunting only.

**37:** Valid for TWO any wild turkey  
50 resident (\$20); 0 nonresident

#### PFT-12A - BON HOMME CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
150 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

#### PFT-13A - BRULE CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
50 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

#### PFT-30A - GREGORY CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
150 resident (\$15); 12 nonresident (\$90)

**PFT-37A** - HUTCHINSON CO. Hunters restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotgun, and archery hunting only.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
30 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

**PFT-48A** - MARSHALL CO. and ROBERTS CO. includes those portions of Marshall County south and east of SD Hwy 25 and north of SD Hwy 10 and Roberts County north of SD Hwy 10. Hunters restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotgun, and archery hunting only.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
100 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

#### PFT-50A - MELLETTE CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
50 resident (\$15); 4 nonresident (\$90)

**PFT-53A** - PERKINS CO. and the portion of MEADE CO. north of US Hwy 212.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
100 resident (\$15); 8 nonresident (\$90)

#### PFT-60A - TRIPP CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
50 resident (\$15); 4 nonresident licenses (\$90)

#### PFT-62A - UNION CO.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
50 resident (\$15); 0 nonresident

**PFT-BH1** - Those portions of Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington counties within a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 85 and Interstate 90 at exit 17; south on U.S. Hwy. 85 to U.S. Hwy. 385; south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to S.D. Hwy. 89; south on S.D. Hwy. 89 to Pilger Mountain Road; west on Pilger Mountain Road to Dewey Road; west on Dewey Road to the WY/SD line; south on the WY/SD line to U.S. Hwy. 18; east on U.S. Hwy. 18 to the Cheyenne River; east along the Cheyenne River to S.D. Hwy. 79; north on S.D. Hwy. 79 to Interstate 90; north and west on Interstate 90 to exit 17, the point of beginning.

**31:** Valid for one any wild turkey  
400 resident licenses (\$15); 32 nonresident licenses (\$90)

**PFT-ZZ1** - Preference point only. Use this unit designation if you wish to purchase a preference point this year for this season, but do not want to apply in the first draw. A nonrefundable fee is required and you will receive one additional preference point the following year. If you did not apply for a first draw license in this season, or if you did not receive a first draw license this year, you can purchase a preference point for this season until Dec. 15, 2016.

**99:** 0 licenses available (\$5 - resident, \$10 - nonresident)



**CONTACT US:**

**License Office**  
20641 SD Hwy 1806  
Fort Pierre, SD 57532

**Phone**  
605.223.7660  
TTY: 605.223.7684

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Visit our website at:  
**gfp.sd.gov**

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**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Season/Unit Type Choices:** Fill in your unit-type choice from the choices provided with each season. Additional choices, for those seasons that allow additional choices, are optional. You may apply for multiple seasons with this form. Select a preference point option for each season. Preference points are only available for your first choice of each season. If you select “yes” make sure to include the appropriate fee. You would only need to fill out one form and provide one check to cover the cost of all applications plus any preference point fees. If you select “no”, or do not include the correct preference point fee, you will not receive a preference point if you are unsuccessful in your first choice for each season. Please remember, if you are applying together in the same envelope with other individuals, all unit choices must be identical or the application will be rejected. If you qualify for and want landowner/operator preference, you must provide the legal description of the land that qualifies you. By completing the land descriptions, you are declaring that you qualify for landowner/operator preference as explained under APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS of this document and are applying for a license using that requirement. Nonresidents do not qualify for landowner/operator preference. Landowner preference applies to first choice only for a specific season.
- 2. Residency:** Check the appropriate box to indicate that you qualify and are applying as a resident, or applying as a nonresident.
- 3. Social Security Number:** Last four digits only. This information is required by state law and applications that do not include the SSN will be rejected. See information under “application requirements.”
- 4. Date of Birth:** Enter your date of birth, month first, followed by day and year. For example, a birth date of March 8, 1971, would be entered 03-08-1971.
- 5. Driver License or Identification Card Number:** If you possess one, please enter your driver’s license number, even if it duplicates your Social Security Number. Residents over age 16 without a driver’s license must enter your state-issued and expiration-dated South Dakota ID card number. Include the two-letter abbreviation for the state or province your driver’s license was issued from. Youth without a driver’s license or ID card number, see instruction No. 7.
- 6. Print Name:** Print your complete name, with FIRST NAME first, followed by middle initial and last name. Leave a space between each.
- 7. HuntSAFE Card Number:** This number must be entered for resident youth ages 12-15. Nonresident youth are required to use their hunter safety card number or the number of a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state. If the hunter safety course has not been taken at the time of application, but will be completed before the hunt, leave this blank. If drawn, the license will be held until the License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number after the course has been successfully completed.
- 8. Mailing Address:** Licenses and refunds will be mailed to the address provided on the application. Those returned as “undeliverable” will be held in the License Office until a correct address is provided.
- 9. Height:** measured in feet and inches. Weight: registered in pounds.
- 10. Phone Number:** Enter your daytime phone number. This information is kept confidential and is used only for contacting and/or surveying hunters.
- 11. E-mail Address:** This information is optional, but is helpful if there is a need to contact or send updates on information. We request that you fill this out if you have a personal e-mail address.
- 12. Archery Applicant Information:** All big game archery applicants under age 16, all first-time archery applicants, and all archery elk applicants must be able to answer the first question “YES” and provide their National Bowhunter Education certificate number. All other archery hunters must either be able to answer the first question “YES” and provide your certificate number or answer the second question “YES” and provide the state and year when you last were licensed.
- 13. Gender:** Check the appropriate box.
- 14. Mailing List Opt-Out:** Applications are considered “public record” and from time to time the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission receives requests from groups and businesses for these names and addresses. If you wish to keep your name from appearing on these lists, you may check this box. You will still be included in official GFP mailings such as season surveys.
- 15. Suspended Privileges:** Any person who has had hunting, fishing or trapping privileges revoked or suspended in any state or country may not purchase a preference point or license for or exercises that same privilege in South Dakota during the period of the revocation or suspension.
- 16. Donate To TIPS or SAH:** You may make a donation to the Turn In Poachers (TIPs) or Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH) programs by checking one of the blanks at the bottom of the application and including an amount greater than the license fee in your payment. Any amount over the license fee will be donated to the selected program when one of the boxes is checked. If neither of the boxes is checked, the overpayment will be refunded. Your contributions are tax deductible.
- 17. Sign Application:** This application must be signed to be valid. A parent or guardian must sign the application for youth under age 16. Applications that are not signed will not be processed for a license.

*Review your application form to make certain all required information is completed and accurate.  
Carefully tear or cut the one page form from this pamphlet, and mail the application to:*

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