

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

## HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN HUNTING ACCESS

Prior to applying for a license, a hunter is strongly encouraged to ensure they have access to hunting areas and understand potential game availability for those hunting areas and seasons. In addition to obtaining a license, a hunter must obtain permission if they wish to access private land. Access is not guaranteed on private land and hunters are also required to determine if the managing entity of public land expressly prohibits hunting. The Game, Fish and Parks Department is not responsible for ensuring hunting access for hunters simply because licenses are available. Hunters can call Game, Fish and Parks offices to learn more about hunting opportunities before applying for a license.

## Submitting Applications

Applications must be submitted online. If you do not have internet access, you can apply by calling 605.223.7660 or by visiting any GFP Wildlife Division Office.

Visit [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov), click "Licenses," and then "Purchase 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.

## Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group online with a group number will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points, the lowest preference point balance is then represented within the entire group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group. Either all in the group will be successful or all will be unsuccessful. If successful, residents will be charged the resident fee and nonresidents will be charged 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.

## Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery. Online applicants' credit/debit card will be charged at the time of the drawing.

## Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants' credit/debit card will only be charged for a preference point if the customer selected the option to purchase a preference point.

## 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.*

## Drawing Statistics Now Available

Applicants may access past drawing results online at [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov). Current season information will be available once the drawing is complete.