

2020 SPECIAL BUCK



APPLICATION DEADLINE

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LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. 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 it during the season. **ALL PUBLIC LANDS ARE CLOSED** to these license holders, including Walk-In Areas.

APPLY ONLINE: 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 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 opted to purchase one or 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. So if you have 10 minutes, please take the time to watch this video online at gfp.sd.gov.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile (person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning) 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;
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose;
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country;
- 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 this state who is absent due to the person's regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a full-time student, or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the U.S. 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 GFP's 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;
- 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.

Age Eligibility

- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2020 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.

Application Rules

- Applications not properly filled out will be returned.
- Individuals 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. Individuals will receive a partial refund if the lower-priced license is drawn.
- 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.

Submitting Fees: You must submit the appropriate license fee to cover the cost of each season applied for on this multiple application form. 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 or American Express). Your credit card will not be charged until, and only if you are successful in the drawing. 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.

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 Ft 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 even if you do not apply the following year. 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.

SEASON APPLICATION INFORMATION

The season/unit/type designations apply to resident and nonresident licenses.

Licenses for this season are one-tag "any deer" tags, meaning they are valid for a buck or doe, whitetail deer or mule deer.

Resident License Fee \$175 Nonresident License Fee \$560

The Game, Fish and Parks Commission passed a rule in 2019 that only allows hunters to apply for two deer seasons in the first draw. These seasons include East River, East River Special Buck, West River, West River Special Buck, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge and Custer State Park. An applicant cannot submit more than one application for each season. The Special Buck draw will take place first. If a Special Buck applicant does not draw an East or West River Special Buck license, they are still eligible to submit two applications in the 6 season draw. If a Special Buck applicant does draw a Special Buck license, they can only submit 1 application in the 6 season draw.

The license fee includes a \$6 surcharge established by the South Dakota legislature. Surcharge monies are divided evenly between programs for wildlife damage management and public hunting land access, programs that benefit both landowners and hunters.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS. State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations. Persons planning to hunt on tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal hunting licenses.

WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK

Season Dates: Same as regular West River Deer. Season dates for this season will be finalized in May.

Note: *The Special Buck, any deer tags are NOT valid during the antlerless-only deer season.*

Bag Limit: One any deer (buck or doe, whitetail or mule deer) or one any whitetail deer (buck or doe)

Hunting Unit: The West River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt private land only in all West River units. ALL PUBLIC LANDS ARE CLOSED to these license holders, including Walk-In Areas.

License Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible, however: Successful resident West River Special Buck License applicants are not eligible to apply for a regular West River Deer License in the first, second or third drawings, but can apply beginning with the fourth drawing for additional licenses. Successful non-resident West River Special Buck License applicants are not eligible to apply for a regular West River Deer License in the first, second, third or fourth drawings, but can apply after the fourth drawing for additional licenses. Successful West River Special Buck License applicants are also not eligible for Landowner Only Licenses. Unsuccessful applicants may apply in the first West River Deer drawing.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may apply for and receive only one West River Special Buck License. Residents may apply for both a West River and East River Special Buck License, however, an individual can only possess one. The draw for East River Special Buck licenses will be conducted first. Residents who draw an East River Special Buck license will not be eligible for West River Special Buck license.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

First Deadline - Applications must be postmarked by April 17 and received in the licensing office prior to the draw. Apply online by 8 a.m. (Central Time) April 22. One application may be submitted per applicant.

If licenses remain unsold after the first deadline drawing, they will be issued first-come, first-served either online or paper application by mail.

SEASON/UNIT/SPECIES CODE:

WSD-WR1-01 This license valid on private land only in all West River units (excludes Walk-In Areas). License valid for one any deer.

500 Resident Licenses (\$175)

500 Nonresident Licenses (\$560)

WSD-WR1-11 This license valid on private land only in all West River units (excludes Walk-In Areas). License valid for one any whitetail deer.

500 Resident Licenses (\$175)

500 Nonresident Licenses (\$560)

WSD-ZZ1-99 Use this unit designation ONLY as first choice in the first drawing if you wish to purchase a preference point. By selecting this unit and submitting the fee, you will receive one preference point to be used in a future drawing. Fee: \$5 resident, \$10 nonresident.

EAST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK

Season Dates: Same as regular East River Deer. Season dates for this season will be finalized in May.

Note: *The Special Buck, any deer tags are NOT valid during the antlerless-only deer season.*

Bag Limit: One any deer (buck or doe, whitetail or mule deer).

Hunting Unit: The East River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt private land in all East River units. ALL PUBLIC LANDS ARE CLOSED to these license holders, including Walk-In Areas.

License Eligibility: Residents are eligible, however: Successful East River Special Buck License applicants are not eligible to apply for a regular East River Deer License in the first, second, or third drawings, but can apply beginning with the fourth drawing for additional licenses. Successful East River Special Buck License applicants are also not eligible for Landowner Only Licenses. Unsuccessful applicants may apply in the first East River Deer drawing.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may apply for and receive only one East River Special Buck License. Residents may apply for both a East River and West River Special Buck License, however, an individual can only possess one. The draw for East River Special Buck licenses will be conducted first. Residents who draw an East River Special Buck license will not be eligible for West River Special Buck license.

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SEASON/UNIT/SPECIES CODE:

ESD-ER1-01 License valid on private land in all East River units (excludes Walk-In Areas). License valid for one any deer.

500 Resident Licenses (\$175)

0 Nonresident Licenses

ESD-ZZ1-99 Use this unit designation ONLY as first choice in the first drawing if you wish to purchase a preference point. By selecting this unit and submitting the fee, you will receive one preference point to be used in a future drawing. Fee: \$5 residents only.

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

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system found in both captive and free-ranging deer and elk. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has been conducting surveillance for CWD since 1997 in an effort to determine disease presence and prevalence across the state.

Chronic wasting disease has been confirmed in Bennett, Butte, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Meade, Lawrence, Pennington and Tripp counties in western South Dakota. The goal of surveillance strategies in South Dakota is to determine the likely spread of CWD to new units where the disease has not been detected in wild, free-ranging deer and elk.

Hunters who would like to get their deer tested for CWD can voluntarily submit a sample for testing. As a voluntary submission, hunters will be responsible for the cost of shipping and any professional sample collection costs unless the hunter delivers a sample to a GFP office, a sample collection area, or uses a sampling and submission kit provided by GFP.

GFP will pay for the testing cost of the sample at South Dakota State University Animal Disease and Research Diagnostics Lab (SDSU ADRDL). Results will be sent to both the hunter and GFP. These results will supplement GFP's surveillance effort across the state. The process for collecting samples from a harvested deer and how to properly submit to SDSU ADRDL can be found at gfp.sd.gov/cwd-testing.

More detailed information on hunter submissions for CWD testing and new carcass transportation and disposal requirements will be mailed to all archery license holders prior to the start of the season. More information on these new regulations can be found at gfp.sd.gov/2020-cwd-regulations.

For additional information on the CWD surveillance program, visit gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease or contact the GFP Regional Office in Rapid City at 605.394.2391.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 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. **New for 2020:** Habitat stamp is required anyone 18 or older applying for or purchasing a hunting or fishing license. If you have not already purchased a habitat stamp, please include the \$10/resident or \$25/nonresident fee in addition to your application fee. Applicants who have not purchased a habitat stamp and do not include the fee for the habitat stamp will have their application returned.
- Residency:** Check the appropriate box to indicate that you qualify and are applying as a resident, or applying as a nonresident.
- 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."
- 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.
- 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.
- Print Name:** Print your complete name, with FIRST NAME first, followed by middle initial and last name. Leave a space between each.
- 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.
- 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.
- Phone Number:** Enter your daytime phone number. This information is kept confidential and is used only for contacting and/or surveying hunters.
- Landowner Permission:** You must include the name (first and last name) and phone number of a landowner who has given you permission to hunt for the season you are applying for. This information must be provided on the application form or the application will be rejected.
- 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.
- 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.
- Gender:** Check the appropriate box.
- Mailing List Opt-Out:** Applications are considered "public record" and from time to time the 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.
- 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.
- Donate To Second Century Habitat Fund, TIPs or SAH:** You may make a donation to the Second Century Habitat Fund, 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.
- 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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Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

