

2023 FALL TURKEY



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Turkey..... August 31, 8 a.m. CDT

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives complaints from hunters who obtain a license and couldn't obtain 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 have permission before you apply, you may not be able to obtain permission during the season.

APPLY ONLINE: gfp.sd.gov

Visit 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.

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED [ONLINE](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Drawing Statistics Now Available: Applicants may access past drawing results online at gfp.sd.gov. Past drawing information will be available from 2022 seasons and the 2023 information will be available once 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 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.

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.

Preference Points

Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference point system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice, in the first drawing (\$5 for residents, \$10 for nonresidents) and selected that option during the application process.

One preference point may be purchased each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Purchased preference points are automatically credited to an application even if you do not apply the following year. Preference points cannot be transferred to another person. Preference point use is required for the first choice of the first draw. Preference point use is optional in subsequent draws. If you have any questions about your preference points, please contact the GFP Licensing Office at 605.223.7660.

Resident Landowner Preference

- One-half the resident licenses are set aside for the first choice 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.
- 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, 2023, 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 leave their HuntSAFE number blank within their profile, but they can still apply. If successful in the draw, 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.

Fees

Payment for applications submitted online must be made with a valid credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). Your credit/debit card will not be charged the license fee unless you are successful in the drawing, or unsuccessful and selected to purchase a preference point. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit/debit 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.

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: Doing so gives all applicants the lowest point balance represented in the group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group. Either all in the group will be drawn 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.

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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Season Dates: Nov. 1, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024

License Eligibility: Residents are eligible for all units.

Nonresidents are eligible for all units west of the Missouri River, and leftover licenses east of the Missouri River remaining after the second drawing.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have one license from the first or second drawing. In the third drawing, a person who does not possess a license may apply for five licenses and a person who holds one license may only apply for four licenses. After the third drawing, a person may apply for an unlimited number of leftover licenses on a first-come, first-serve basis.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online through 8 a.m. CDT on Aug. 31.

Applicant may submit only one application per person. Results available online by Sept. 12.

Second Deadline - Apply online through 8 a.m. CDT on Sept. 25. Those who do not already have a license may submit only one application per person. Results available online by Oct. 10.

Third Deadline - After the second drawing, remaining licenses are pooled and available to both residents and nonresidents. Applications must be submitted online by 8 a.m. CST Oct. 16. Results available online by Oct. 17. Residents and nonresidents may apply for additional licenses (five maximum for this draw, including any license received in the first or second draw).

Leftover Licenses - After the third drawing, licenses remaining will be issued first-come, first-served on October 18. Licenses are available to individuals whether or not they already have a license. An individual may have an unlimited number of Fall Turkey licenses for any unit or combination of units.

SEASON-UNIT-TYPE CHOICES

PFT-01A - MINNEHAHA CO. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow.

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

PFT-02A - PENNINGTON CO. Only those portions of Pennington County east of the Cheyenne River.

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

PFT-07A - YANKTON CO.

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

PFT-08A - DAVISON CO. and HANSON CO. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow.

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

PFT-12A - BON HOMME CO.

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

PFT-13A - BRULE CO. and BUFFALO CO.

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

PFT-15A - BUTTE CO. and LAWRENCE CO. Includes all of Butte County and only that portion of Lawrence County north of Interstate 90.

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

PFT-17A - CHARLES MIX CO., excluding Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge.

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

PFT-18A - AURORA CO. and DOUGLAS CO.

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

PFT-19A - CLAY CO.

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

PFT-21A - CUSTER CO. and PENNINGTON CO. Includes only that portion of Custer County east of State Highway 79 and that portion of Pennington County south of Interstate 90 between State Highway 79 and the Cheyenne River.

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

PFT-24A - DEWEY CO. and ZIEBACH CO.

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

PFT-27A - FALL RIVER CO. Only that portion of Fall River County NOT included in PFT-BH1.

31: Valid for one any wild turkey
25 resident (\$15); 2 nonresident (\$90)

PFT-29A - GRANT CO.

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

PFT-30A - GREGORY CO.

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

PFT-31A - HAAKON CO.

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

PFT-35A - HARDING CO.

31: Valid for one any wild turkey
25 resident (\$15); 2 nonresident (\$90)

PFT-37A - HUTCHINSON CO. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow.

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

PFT-39A - JACKSON CO.

37: Valid for two any wild turkeys
50 resident (\$20); 4 nonresident (\$100)

PFT-41A - JONES CO.

31: Valid for one any wild turkey
25 resident (\$15); 2 nonresident (\$90)

PFT-44A - LINCOLN CO.

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

PFT-45A - LYMAN CO.

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

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

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

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PFT-49A - MEADE CO. Only those portions of Meade County NOT included in units PFT-BH1 and PFT-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90, west of the Cheyenne River.

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

PFT-50A - MELLETTE CO.

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

PFT-52A - MOODY CO. A person may use only a shotgun with shotshells, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a bow and arrow.

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

PFT-53A - PERKINS CO.

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

PFT-60A - TRIPP CO.

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

PFT-62A - UNION CO.

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

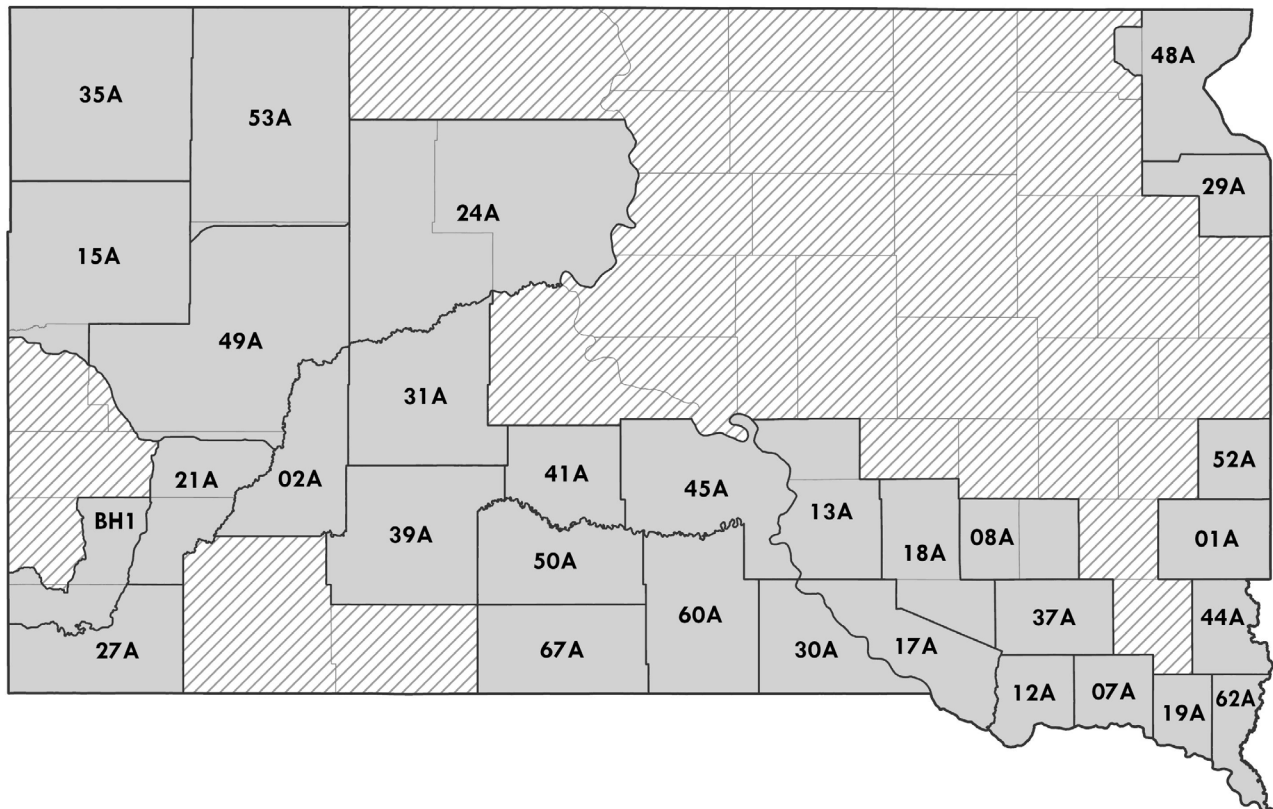
PFT-67A - TODD CO.

31: Valid for one any wild turkey
25 resident (\$15); 2 nonresident (\$90)

PFT-BH1 - Excluding Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and those portions of Custer and Fall River counties within a line beginning at the junction of US Hwy 385 and the Custer/Pennington County line south on SD 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 US Hwy 18; east on US Hwy 18 to the Cheyenne River; east along the Cheyenne River to SD Hwy 79; north on S.D. Hwy. 79 to the Custer/Pennington County line, and west on the Custer/Pennington County line, the point of beginning.

31: Valid for one any wild turkey
200 resident (\$15); 16 nonresident (\$90)

Preference points: During the first draw, applicants can choose to purchase a preference point if unsuccessful. Additionally, preference points can be purchased from September 15 – December 15, 2023, through GFP's online licensing system at license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com.



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