

**Spring Wild Turkey Hunt  
Application and Lottery License Purchasing Procedures**

You only need to apply for a spring lottery turkey license if you want to hunt during one of the first two hunting time periods (April 17-23, or April 24-30.) and you are an adult. *Everyone else can purchase a license over the counter starting in mid-March.*

If you want to apply for a lottery license:

- You can apply starting Monday December 17.
- You must submit your application by Friday, Jan. 25, 2019.
- If we draw your application, we will mail you a Spring Wild Turkey postcard as your winning notification by mid-February. Then you can purchase your license starting March 1.
- If you do not receive a winner's notice, we did not draw your application. You can still hunt turkeys by purchasing an over-the-counter license for any one of the last four time periods (which run May 1 -May 31), or you can try to purchase a surplus license for one of the first two time periods if any are available. Surplus licenses go on sale in mid-March. You may also purchase an archery license over-the-counter if you choose not to buy a firearms license, and these archery licenses are good for the entire season (April 17 – May31).

**NOTE:** You *must* double-check your receipt at the time of application to ensure information has been properly entered into the computer. Retain your receipt as proof of application.

**WHO NEEDS TO APPLY FOR LOTTERY?**

If you are 18 years old or older and you want to apply for one of the first two time periods, you must submit an application. If you are born on or after Dec. 31, 1979, you need a firearms safety certificate or other evidence of passing a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license. If you are in the military you may not have to apply in the lottery. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Purchasing a Turkey License in Minnesota sheet.

**WHEN AND WHERE DO I NEED TO APPLY AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

You need to apply by Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, at any of the 1,600 ELS-POS agents throughout the state. You will be charged a \$5.00 application fee. This fee must be paid at the time of application at the ELS-POS vendor and is non-refundable. You may also apply by phone through the Instant Licenses System (1-888-665-4236) or over the Internet ([Purchase a license](#)), but we will charge an additional convenience fee.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A VALID APPLICATION?**

You can apply if you have either a valid Minnesota driver's license or a state of Minnesota ID card (issued by the Department of Public Safety). If you are born after December 31, 1979, you will need a firearms safety certificate number. Your ID card must have your current mailing address because this is where your winning notification will be sent if you are successful in the drawing. If you are a non-resident, you must provide an ID from your state of residency, or your MNDNR number from the last time you applied for or purchased a Minnesota hunting or fishing license.

**MAY WE APPLY AS A GROUP?**

You may submit a group application with a party of up to four hunters. All of your group members must apply for the same wild turkey permit area and time period. Group applications can be made of all general or all landowner/tenants, *but not both*. The hunter with the lowest preference rating determines the rating for the group. If we draw your group application, all group members will receive a license. The first applicant of each group will receive a group ID number, which is printed on your receipt. *The remaining group members must use this ID number when applying in order to be included in the group.*

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE LANDOWNER/TENANT SPECIAL DRAWING?**

For the first two time periods we issue up to 20 percent of the permits in each area to applicants who live as landowners or tenants on 40 acres or more of land within the wild turkey permit area for which they have applied. Members of the immediate landowner or tenant family, and those living on the qualifying property, are also eligible for this drawing. The qualifying land may be non-contiguous. You cannot mix landowners and non-landowners as a group application.

**NOTE:** Landowners and or tenants who want to apply for the landowner special drawing need to provide the following information about their land: county number (see attached map), township number, range number, section number, number of acres, and your day-time telephone number. *We will reject applications without this information.*

Qualified landowners or tenants who are successful in this special drawing must allow turkey hunting on their land during the entire turkey-hunting season. Your land location information will be available to other turkey hunters at the DNR website after the drawing.

Lottery application time periods in 2019					
A = April 17-23, B = April 24-30,					
Number of permits for each time period A and B					
Permit Area	Number of Permits	Permit Area	Number of Permits	Permit Area	Number of Permits
501	1835	505	650	509	75
502	125	506	350	510	500
503	900	507	1600	511	20
504	200	508	750	512	5

There is no permit lottery for the final four hunting time periods: C = May 1- May 7, D = May 8-14, E = May 15-21, F = May 22-31. **All licensed hunters can hunt during the last (F) time period if they have not tagged a turkey during their earlier time period. Note: time period F is 10 days long in 2019. Permits for time periods C-F are all sold over the counter at Electronic Licensing System vendors.**