

Qualifications for Jury Service: Petit Jury

Jurors must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and of this State
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Reside in the county of jury service
- Be able to read and write
- Be of sound mind

You cannot serve on a jury if:

- You have been convicted of a felony or of any type of theft (unless rights have been restored)
- You are now on probation or deferred adjudication for a felony or for any type of theft; or
- You are now under indictment for a felony or are now under criminal charges for any type of theft

If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a jury for one of the above or any other reasons, please notify the judge.

Please note: If you state you are not a U.S. citizen, you will no longer be eligible to vote if you fail to provide proof of U.S. citizenship to your county voter registrar. You do not have to be registered to vote to be qualified to vote.

Exemptions for Jury Service:

You are entitled to be excused as a juror if:

- You are more than 75 years of age for petit jury service and 70 years of age for grand jury service.
- You have legal custody of a child or children younger than 12 years of age and service on the jury would require leaving the child, or children, without adequate supervision.
- You are a student at a public or private high school.
- You are a student enrolled and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education.
- You are an officer or employee of the senate, the House of Representatives, or any department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state government.
- You are the primary caretaker of someone who is unable to care for themselves (does not apply to health care workers).
- You are a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from your home station and out of your county of residence.
- You have served as a juror in this county during the 24-month period prior to the date you are required to appear by this summons.
- You have been summoned for jury service in this county and have served as a petit juror in this county during the three-year period prior to the date you are required to appear by this summons.

Qualifications for Jury Service: Grand Jury

Grand Jurors must:

- Be at least 18 years of age

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of this state and of the county in which you are to serve
- Be qualified under the constitution and other laws to vote in the county in which the grand jury is sitting, regardless of whether you are registered to vote
- Be of sound mind and good moral character
- Able to read and write
- Have never been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a felony
- Not be related within the third degree by consanguinity or second degree by affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or serving on the same grand jury
- Have not served as a grand juror in the year before the date on which the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror begins
- Not be a complainant in any matter to be heard by the grand jury during the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror
- If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a grand jury for one of the above or any other reasons, please notify the judge.

Exemptions for Grand Jury Service:

You are entitled to be excused as a Grand Juror if:

- You are more than 75 years of age
- You are responsible for the care of a child younger than 18 years of age
- You are a student at a public or private secondary school
- You are a person enrolled in and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education
- The court determines if you have a reasonable excuse