

QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE

You must have the following qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Reside in the county of jury service.
- Be qualified to vote in the county of jury service, even if you are not registered to vote.
- Be able to read and write.
- Be of sound mind and good moral character.

You cannot serve on a jury if:

- You have served as a juror for six days during the preceding three months in county court or during the preceding six months in district court.
- You have been convicted of a felony or of any type of theft.
- You are under indictment or criminal charges for a felony or any type of theft, including being on pretrial diversion or deferred adjudication.

RESCHEDULING

- You must contact the clerk's office to reschedule. With some exceptions, you will be allowed to reschedule once a year for any reason but subsequent postponements will be granted for emergencies only.
- You will be allowed to reschedule if the jury service will include a holy day that you observe.

EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY SERVICE

If you request, you will be excused from jury service if:

- You are more than 70 years of age.
- You have legal custody of a child under 12 years of age and jury service would leave the child unsupervised.
- You are a high school student or you are a college student actually attending classes.
- You are an officer or employee of the Texas Legislature or an agency in the legislative branch of government.
- You are the caretaker of someone who is unable to care for himself or herself.
- You have a physical or mental impairment that makes it impossible or very difficult to serve on a jury.
- You cannot comprehend or communicate in English.
- You are active duty military deployed away from your home county.
- You were selected to serve on a jury in the previous two or three years, depending on the county population.

PENALTIES

- If you fail to answer a jury summons or knowingly provide false information in a request for exemption or excuse, you may be fined between \$100 and \$1,000.
- If you are picked for jury service but fail to attend court without a reasonable excuse or file a false exemption claim, you may be fined between \$100 and \$500.