



THIS AREA FOR OFFICE USE ONLY—DO NOT STAPLE

5-year R-POH Permit Application (Property-Only Hunting) Resident Free Landowner

Please checkmark the box next to ALL Programs you wish to receive permits for. If you select Fall Turkey and/or Deer, please also checkmark Box A, B, or C below those headings.

SPRING TURKEY DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEBRUARY 9
FALL TURKEY DEADLINE TO APPLY - SEPT. 1
DEER DEADLINE TO APPLY - SEPTEMBER 1
A 2 ARCHERY (1 ES & 1 AO)
B 2 FIREARM (1 ES & 1 AO)
C 2 ARCHERY (1 ES & 1 AO) and 2 FIREARM (1 ES & 1 AO)

Please select only ONE landowner type below.

(Immediate family members MUST reside on the same property as the Landowner/Tenant/Current Income Trust Beneficiary to be eligible to apply.)

I AM THE LANDOWNER OR I Am The: SPOUSE of Landowner, CHILD of Landowner, PARENT of Landowner, BROTHER/SISTER of Landowner
I AM THE TENANT OR I Am The: SPOUSE of Tenant, CHILD of Tenant, PARENT of Tenant, BROTHER/SISTER of Tenant
I AM A CURRENT INCOME BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST OR I Am The: SPOUSE of Current Income Beneficiary, CHILD of Current Income Beneficiary, PARENT of Current Income Beneficiary, BROTHER/SISTER of Current Income BNF
I AM A: SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION, MEMBER OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNER OF A PARTNERSHIP

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR IDNR CUSTOMER #

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

County of Residence Phone Number Email:

DATE OF BIRTH

HABITAT STAMP and HUNTING LICENSE: Before any person 18 years of age or older takes, attempts to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state-controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

Check ONE box below
I have received Resident Landowner permits for the past 5 years. I am re-certifying under the same landowner type held for the past 5 years.
I am a new applicant OR my landowner type has changed in the last 5 years. Proof of land documents are required. Refer to back of application.

COUNTY IN WHICH LAND IS LOCATED TAX PARCEL ID Enter parcel # with the most acreage NUMBER OF ACRES (minimum of 40 required)

I, Applicant Name, certify no circumstances have changed that could affect my eligibility to receive landowner permits.

I understand providing false information on this document is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38). I understand that if circumstances have changed, or do change in the future, that affect my eligibility for landowner permits, I have an obligation to notify the Department of the change and return any permits for which I am no longer eligible.

Landowner/Tenant Signature (Required for all new applicants)
Applicant Signature (Required for all new and re-certifying applicants)
Mail application and required documents to: ILLINOIS FREE POH PERMIT One Natural Resources Way PO Box 19227 Springfield, IL 62794-9227

# R-POH Permit Application (Property-Only Hunting)

## Resident Free Landowner

- First-time applicants, or a change in landowner type, require submittal of documentation outlined below, based upon the landowner type selected on the front of the application.
- Landowner permits cannot be transferred.
- Illinois residents remain eligible for 5 years, if there is no change in ownership or residency affecting the permittee's eligibility for resident landowner permits.
- Please visit [dnr.illinois.gov](http://dnr.illinois.gov) for a list of counties open to Fall Turkey Shotgun hunting prior to selecting this option on the application.
- R-POH Deer Muzzleloader permits are not issued. If you wish to receive a Muzzleloader permit, you must participate in the lottery application process.

### PROOF OF LANDOWNERSHIP

ALL applications must include a copy of one of the following: **\*ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED\***

- A) a recorded property deed;
- B) a recorded contract for deed;
- C) the most recent real estate tax statement for property (upon which the landowner's name and acreage appears); or
- D) a current Farm Service Agency 156 EZ form.

### LANDOWNER ELIGIBILITY

A **Resident Landowner** is a landowner of 40 acres or more of land whose place of residence is in Illinois. This includes their immediate families that are permanently residing on the same property as the landowner. For the purposes of establishing eligibility for Property-Only Hunting permits, the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of an acre up to the next whole acre [520 ILCS 5/2.11 & 2.26].

A hunting rights lease or other non-agricultural lease is NOT valid for a Property-Only Hunting permit.

### TENANT

A **Tenant** is one who rents 40 acres or more of land for commercial agricultural purposes under an agreement with a landowner. Tenant also includes the immediate family members of the person who is renting the property and permanently residing on same property as the person renting the property. Commercial agriculture shall be defined as utilization of land for the raising of hay, grain crops or livestock for profit. No one may apply for or be issued both a landowner permit and a tenant permit.

**IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- A lease or rental agreement, file stamped as recorded by the county clerk, covering the current year; or
- A copy of a current Farm Service Agency 156 EZ form.

### TRUST

**Bona fide current income beneficiary** means an individual who at the time of application for a permit, is entitled to income (whether income exists or not) from the trust which owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.) and is listed by name in the trust documents as an income beneficiary.

**IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- A copy of the trust documents which show that the applicant is listed by name as a **current** income beneficiary of the trust and
- A notarized statement signed by the current trustee of the trust identifying the applicant as a bona fide current income beneficiary and authorizing the applicant to hunt on the trust lands for which a permit is being requested.

Lands held in trust by corporations, LLCs, or partnerships shall **not** be considered a basis for a permit for the shareholders/members/partners as bonified current income beneficiaries of the trust.

### CORPORATIONS

**Bona fide equity shareholder** means an individual who purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock shares in a corporation; purchased shares of a privately-held corporation for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets represented by the ownership in the corporation; or is a member of a closely held family-owned corporation and has purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of ownership, and intends to retain the ownership of the shares of stock for at least 5 years.

**IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- A copy of ownership interest in a **for-profit** corporation with a fully executed stock certificate, articles of incorporation or corporate agreement.
- A notarized statement signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity shareholder, authorizing the applicant to hunt on the lands for which a permit is being requested, and declaring that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation.

### LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

**Bona fide equity member** means an individual who became a member upon the formation of the LLC; or has purchased a distributional interest in a LLC for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act; and intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years;

Members of Foreign LLCs must include the latest, file-stamped, filing with the Illinois Secretary of State as part of the application for a permit.

**IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- A copy of the LLCs articles of organization or the operating agreement identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member.
- A notarized statement signed by a duly authorized officer of the LLC identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member, authorizing the applicant to hunt on the lands for which a permit is being requested, and declaring that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the LLC.

### LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERS, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP AND GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

**Bona fide equity partner** means an individual who became a partner, either general or limited, upon the formation of the partnership; or has purchased a distributional interest in the partnership or limited partnership for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the partnership assets represented by the distributional interest in the partnership and intends to retain ownership of the partnership for at least 5 years.

**IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

- A copy of the partnership agreement, certificate of partnership or statement of qualification.
- A notarized statement signed by a duly authorized officer of the partnership identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity partner, authorizing the applicant to hunt on the lands for which a permit is being requested, and declaring that no more than 3 authorizations will be requested per county for the partnership.

### LIMITATIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS OF CORPORATIONS/MEMBERS OF LLCS/TRUSTS/PARTNERS OF PARTNERSHIPS

Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations, bona fide equity members of LLCs, or bona fide partners of partnerships owning 40 or more acres of land in a county may apply for one permit to hunt the corporation, LLC, or partnership lands only. Only one permit per 40 acres, for a maximum number of 15 permits per county for corporations, and LLCs and a maximum number of 3 permits per county for partnerships, shall be issued based on ownership of lands by corporations, LLCs, or partnerships. Lands leased to corporations, LLCs, trusts or partnerships shall **not** be considered as a basis for a permit of the lessee. Lands held in trust by corporations, LLCs, or partnerships shall **not** be considered a basis for a permit for the shareholders/members/partners as bona fide current income beneficiaries of the trust.

### IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A LANDOWNER, TENANT, OR A BONA FIDE CURRENT INCOME BENEFICIARY

The immediate family of a landowner, tenant, or a bona fide current income beneficiary means, and is limited to, the spouse, children, brothers, sisters and parents permanently residing on the same property as the landowner, tenant, or bona fide current income beneficiary of a trust. Immediate family designations do not apply to bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation, bona fide equity members of an LLC, bona fide equity partners of a limited partnership, limited liability limited partnership, limited liability partnership and general partnerships. See 17 IAR 528 et al.

**For more information regarding the Resident Landowner Program, please visit:**  
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/illinois-resident-landowner-program.html>