

On October 16, 2024, the Nebraska Supreme Court adopted the following rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1002, 6-1003, and 6-1004, as well as adopted a new Nebraska Juror Qualification Form (Neb. Ct. R. Ch. 6, Art. 10, App. A), all with a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026:

## **CHAPTER 6: TRIAL COURTS**

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### **Article 10: Juror Qualification Form.**

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#### **§ 6-1002. Required juror qualification form; amendment.**

~~Until January 1, 2026, the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, attached as Appendix A to this rule, has been adopted by the Nebraska Supreme Court pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-1629.01 § 25-1657. All district and county courts shall use the attached form when the use of a juror qualification form is required by statute unless a request for approval of any amendments to such form has been approved by the Supreme Court. Such requests shall be submitted as provided in § 1-103. in writing and on a disk or CD in a Microsoft Word compatible format to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for submission to the Court. Any language to be added to the form shall be underscored and any language to be deleted from the form shall be overstruck.~~

After December 31, 2025, the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, attached as Appendix A to this rule, has been adopted by the Nebraska Supreme Court pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-1657. All district and county courts shall (a) use the attached form when the use of a juror qualification form is required by statute, unless a request for approval of any amendments to such form has been approved by the Supreme Court, and (b) use either the e-Jury system through JUSTICE or independent jury management software that has been approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court to ensure the information gathered from potential jurors on the form is electronically collected and maintained. All requests to approve amendments to the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, or the use of independent jury management software, shall be submitted as provided in § 1-103.

#### **§ 6-1003. ~~Confidential parts of the j~~Juror qualification form information.**

Until January 1, 2026, the CONFIDENTIAL JUROR INFORMATION section of the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, Part VII, shall be detachable and shall be removed by the clerks of the district and county courts or jury commissioners and stored in a confidential manner by such clerk or commissioner until the end of the jury term. No one shall be permitted access to these detached sections except as set forth in this rule. The clerk or commissioner shall deliver the detached confidential information to an approved research agent of the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Nebraska Minority and Justice Implementation Committee (NMJIC) and the Nebraska Racial Justice Initiative (NRJI) have been approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court as such research agents. The confidential juror information may also be maintained, stored, and transmitted to the approved research agent by electronic means by any court which possesses such capabilities.

After December 31, 2025, the information from all completed juror qualification forms, whether submitted electronically or in paper format, shall be entered into the e-Jury system through JUSTICE, or approved independent jury management software, by the jury commissioner or other appropriately designated court staff of each county. Such information shall be available to the State Court Administrator, as an agent of the Supreme Court, and any release of juror information by the Supreme Court or an agent of the Supreme Court must comply with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-1673. Jury commissioners or other appropriately designated court staff shall not be prohibited from releasing aggregate information gathered from potential jurors in a manner that protects all names and personally identifying information. In counties using approved independent jury management software, the aggregate juror information shall be transmitted electronically, in a manner that protects all names and personally identifying information, to the State Court Administrator annually, on a fiscal year basis.

**§ 6-1004. Supplemental juror questionnaires.**

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the use of case-specific supplemental juror questionnaires, in addition to the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court, when approved by the trial court to the extent that the supplemental questions do not duplicate any information requested in the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form.

# Nebraska Juror Qualification Form

**From: Jury Commissioner of**  [autofill] **County**

**To:**  [name of potential juror]

**Juror Number:**

For more information about how to fill out this form and about jury service generally, please use this QR Code to watch a video.

[QR Code]

*This form can be filled out and submitted online at:*  
[Bitly to be developed]

All qualified citizens in Nebraska should have the opportunity to be considered for jury service and should likewise fulfill their obligation to serve as jurors when summoned. You are required under penalty of law to answer all questions (unless otherwise indicated) and return this form, properly signed, to the Jury Commissioner within ten (10) days. Please complete both sides of the form. Use N/A if the question does not apply to you.

If you are unable to fill out this form, another person may complete it for you, and that person must sign the form and provide an explanation at the end of this document.

Any person who knowingly fails to complete and return this form, or who willfully misrepresents a material fact on this form, for the purpose of avoiding or securing service as a juror, **shall be guilty of contempt of court** under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-1658.

The information in the box below is necessary to assist in contacting you about your jury service.

1. Last name		First name		Middle name		2. Date of birth	
3. Mailing address			City	State	Zip code	4. Email address	
5. Cell phone #		6. Cell service provider (required to receive notification via text)			7. Home phone #		8. Work phone #
9. Employer			10. Occupation			11. Employer phone #	
12. Name of spouse (if applicable)					13. Has your spouse received a juror qualification form or a summons for jury duty in the past year? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
14. Spouse's employer			15. Spouse's occupation			16. Spouse's employer phone #	
17. Emergency contact name			18. Emergency contact relationship			19. Emergency contact phone #	
20. Are there any special accommodations you require to serve as a juror? If so, please describe:							

The information in the box below is necessary to determine if you are qualified to serve as a juror under Nebraska law.

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	21. Are you a citizen of the United States?
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	22. Do you reside in <input type="text"/> [autofill] County? If "no," in which county do you reside? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	23. Can you read, speak, and understand the English language? If "no," what is your primary language? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	24. Are you 19 years, or older?
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	25. Are you a judge of any court, clerk or deputy clerk of the Supreme Court or District Court?
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	26. Are you a sheriff or jailer?
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	27. Are you or your spouse currently a party to a suit with a pending jury trial in any court of this county? If "yes," give the title of case and case number. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	28. Have you ever been convicted of a felony that was not later pardoned or set aside? If "yes," in which state, county, and year? _____

The information in the box below is necessary to assist in ensuring that the jury pool represents a fair cross-section of the community.

29. Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Self-described: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	
30. Race/Ethnicity (Select all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/North African <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer	

The information in the box below is necessary to determine if you are allowed to postpone your jury service or to be excused from jury service. Please checkmark any of the following statements that apply to you and submit any required documentation along with this form. You will be notified if your request is granted.

<input type="checkbox"/>	31. I am 70 years of age or older and wish to be exempted from jury service. (This option does not require documentation.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	32. I have a physical or mental disability which makes me incapable of rendering satisfactory jury service. (This option requires submission of a physician's letter/certificate setting forth the nature of your disability.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	33. I am a nursing mother. (This option requires submission of a physician's letter/certificate in support of the request.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	34. I am on active military duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces. (This option requires submission of documentation of active-duty status.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	35. Within the past five (5) years, I have either: (a) been selected, sworn, and actually served as a juror for more than four (4) calendar weeks, or (b) served on a grand jury. i. Approximate dates of service _____ ii. Court _____ iii. County _____ iv. Approximate number of days served _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	36. I am a full-time student and wish to postpone my jury service. (This option requires submission of a written confirmation from the Registrar's Office indicating full-time status.) Name of School _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	37. I should be excused from jury service at this time due to an undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, or public necessity. (This option requires submission of a detailed description of the reason, supporting documentation and the approximate dates you would be unavailable.)

- I, the undersigned,
- I, the undersigned, assisting the person in filling out this form,

certify under penalty of perjury that the answers to the above questions regarding qualifications to serve as a juror are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SIGN HERE**  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Signature

If you assisted the person in filling out this form, print your name and address below and explain why the assistance was necessary.

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If you did not complete this form electronically, please return a paper copy to:  
 [Name and contact information for Jury Commissioner of \_\_[autofill]\_\_ County]

\_\_\_\_\_[autofill]\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_[autofill]\_\_\_\_\_  
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For Clerks Use Only:

Qualified  Unqualified  Exempt  Postponed  Excused

Postponed/Excused notes/dates:

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