

CHAPTER 6

TRIAL COURTS

ARTICLE 10

JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM

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§ 6-1001. Scope and effective date.

This rule shall become effective on January 1, 2006, and shall govern the content and use of the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form in all district and county courts of the State of Nebraska.

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

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. 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 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.

§ 6-1003. Confidential parts of juror qualification form.

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.

§ 6-1004. Supplemental juror questionnaires.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the use of case-specific supplemental juror questionnaires to the extent that the supplemental questions do not duplicate any information requested in the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form.

Adopted December 14, 2005; effective January 1, 2006; amended January 25, 2006. Renumbered and codified as §§ 6-1001 – 6-1004, effective July 18, 2008.

Nebraska Juror Qualification Form

_____ County
[address line]

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 therefore 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.

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN 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.

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.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
City Zip Code

Telephone: _____ / _____ / _____
Daytime Evening Cell Phone

Email Address (optional): _____
(will not be used for any purpose other than as an additional way to contact you regarding jury service).

Part I JUROR REQUEST NOT TO SERVE. (If you meet the criteria for one of the following and wish to be excused from serving on that basis, you may skip Parts II, III, IV, and V; please complete Parts VI and VII and return the forms.) You will be notified if the Court grants your request to be excused from jury service.

- 1. I am 65 years of age or older and do not wish to serve on a jury. _____ date of birth
2. I have a physical or mental impairment which makes me incapable of rendering satisfactory jury service. (This option requires submission of a physician's letter setting forth the nature of your impairment.)
3. I am a nursing mother and wish to be excused from serving on a jury until such time as I am no longer nursing an infant. (This option requires submission of a physician's letter affirming age of child and nursing status.)
4. I am on active military duty and have been exempted from jury duty. (This designation requires submission of a written notice of the exemption determination from an authorized commander. Upon receipt of such determination, you will receive notice confirming your release from jury duty.)
5. Within the past five (5) years, I have (a) served as a juror for more than four (4) calendar weeks* or (b) served on a grand jury, and I wish to be excused.
i. Approximate dates of service _____
ii. Court _____
iii. County _____
iv. Approximate number of total days served _____

*Actually selected and sworn to serve as a juror.

part II JUROR REQUIREMENTS.

- YES NO 6. Are you a citizen of the United States?
If "NO," what is your country of citizenship? _____
YES NO 7. Do you reside in this county?
If "NO," in which county do you reside? _____
YES NO 8. Can you read, speak, and understand the English language?
If "NO," what is your primary language? _____
YES NO 9. Are you 19 years or older?

Part III JUROR DISQUALIFICATION.

- YES NO 10. Are you a judge of any court, clerk or deputy clerk of the Supreme Court or District Court?
- YES NO 11. Are you a sheriff or jailer?
- YES NO 12. Are you or your spouse currently a party to a case in the District or County Court of this county?
If "YES," give title of case and case number. _____
- YES NO 13. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense potentially punishable by one (1) year or more of imprisonment?
If "YES," in which state? _____
If "YES," in which county? _____
If "YES," in which year? _____
(Does not apply if conviction was set aside or pardon issued.)

Part IV JUROR INFORMATION.

- 14. Sex: _____ Male _____ Female
- 15. Date of Birth _____
- 16. Who is your employer? _____ Occupation? _____
Employer's telephone number: _____
- 17. Name of spouse (if applicable)? _____
- 18. Is your spouse also being summoned for jury duty at this time? _____ Yes _____ No
- 19. Spouse's employer? _____ Spouse's Occupation? _____
Telephone number of spouse's employer: _____
- 20. Are there any special accommodations you require to serve as a juror? If so, please describe:

Part V JUROR REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT. You will be notified by mail if the Court decides to grant your request.

- _____ 21. I am a full-time student and wish to be excused from serving on a jury at this time.
Name of School _____
(This option requires written confirmation from the Registrar's Office indicating full-time status.)

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

**SIGN
HERE** 

_____ Date _____ Signature

If completed by other than summoned person, explain: _____

Part VII.

CONFIDENTIAL JUROR INFORMATION. (This information is requested to assist in ensuring that all people are represented on juries. Nothing disclosed will affect your selection for jury service. The information in this section will not be shared with the parties or attorneys to any case and may only be reviewed for research purposes as authorized by the Nebraska Supreme Court.)

1. How do you classify your race? (select one or more)
 - _____ Black/African American
 - _____ Asian
 - _____ American Indian/Alaska Native
 - _____ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 - _____ White
 - _____ Other (specify) _____
2. How do you classify your ethnicity? (select one)
 - _____ Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino
3. Sex: _____ Male _____ Female
4. Date of Birth _____

I, the undersigned, certify that the answers to the above questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ **SIGN**  _____
 Date **HERE** Signature

 Print Name

If completed by other than summoned person, explain: _____

For Clerks Use Only:

YES NO

1. Individual eligible for jury duty.
2. Reason for ineligibility or for not serving (check all that apply)
 - A. Request not to serve:
 - _____ Over 65 _____ Prior jury service
 - _____ Physical or mental impairment _____ Nursing mother
 - _____ Active Military Duty
 - B. Person did not meet requirements:
 - _____ Not a U.S. Citizen. Country of origin: _____
 - _____ Does not read, speak, or understand the English language. Primary language: _____
 - _____ Does not reside in the county
 - _____ Was not 19 years or older
 - C. Person was disqualified:
 - _____ Is a judge, clerk or deputy clerk _____ Individual or spouse is party to a pending case
 - _____ Is a sheriff or jailer _____ Criminal offense
 - D. Granted a postponement:
 - _____ Full-time student
 - E. Excused by Judge for other reason (please specify if known): _____

YES NO

3. Supplemental Questionnaire used.