

# Gun Permits

## Instructions

All Blue Earth County residents who want to apply for a permit to carry a handgun must do so in person through the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office.

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office processes Permits to Purchase for the residents of rural Blue Earth County, including the cities of Amboy, Vernon Center, Eagle Lake, Good Thunder, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake and Mapleton. Residents who live in the city limits of Mankato need to apply for permits to purchase in person to the Mankato Police Department located at 710 South Front St in Mankato, MN.

Applications for both permits to purchase and permits to carry are accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (excluding holidays) at the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office (401 Carver Rd, Mankato, MN 56001)

## Permit to Carry

Applicants must:

- Apply in person
  - Be at least 21 years old and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
  - Provide:
    - Original photo identification
    - Current address (matching the address submitted identification)
    - Original certificate of firearms training by a Minnesota certified instructor (including fundamentals of pistol use, actual shooting qualification exercise, and the instruction in the fundamental legal aspects of pistol possession, carry and use together with self-defense and restrictions on use of deadly force (MN statute 624.714, sub. 2a)
    - A \$100 non refundable fee.
  - Submit a completed state application with the required documents
- In addition, applicants must not be prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.

A person who is otherwise ineligible for a permit due to a criminal conviction but who has obtained a pardon or expungement setting aside the conviction, sealing the conviction, or otherwise restoring applicable rights must submit a copy of the relevant order when applying.

## Reciprocity of Your MN Carry Permit

Permits issued in Minnesota are valid throughout Minnesota. Minnesota law requires that states must have substantially similar standards in order to be granted permit to carry reciprocity. If you plan to visit another state and wish to carry a firearm while traveling, you should contact that state prior to traveling. Most states have web pages dedicated to the subject of handgun carry permits. View a [list of states](#) with permits valid and not in Minnesota maintained by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

## Renewal of Permits / Change of Address / Lost or Destroyed Permits

Permits to carry are valid for 5 years from the date of issuance. Permit holders can renew permits at the Sheriff's Office within 90 days of the expiration date of the current permit. Permit holders must present proof that you have retaken the approved firearms training within one year of the date of renewal. Fees may apply.

Within 30 days after changing a permanent address, or within 30 days of having lost or destroyed the permit card, the permit holder must notify the issuing Sheriff's Office of the change, loss, or destruction. If card is lost or destroyed, permit holder must provide a notarized statement that the card has been lost or destroyed. Fees may apply. Failure to provide notification as required is a petty misdemeanor.

## Emergency Permit to Carry

Emergency permits may be issued by the Sheriff if it is determined that the individual is in an emergency situation that may constitute an immediate risk to the safety of the applicant or someone residing in the applicant's household.

## Conceal and Carry

Although this law is frequently referred to as the "conceal and carry law", Minnesota law does not require you to conceal the handgun when you carry it. Discretion is advised, however. A handgun in plain sight can intimidate and infuriate. Conversely, a concealed handgun can provide protection without the negative connotations often associated with firearms.



**MINNESOTA UNIFORM FIREARM APPLICATION  
PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL  
(TYPE OR PRINT ONLY)  
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON**

CHECK TYPE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW
<input type="checkbox"/>	RENEWAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERSONAL DATA CHANGE
<input type="checkbox"/>	REPLACEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY
<b>NOTE:</b> PERSONAL DATA CHANGE/ REPLACEMENT APPLICANTS NEED ONLY COMPLETE REQUIRED PERSONAL DATA AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED.	

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT: An incomplete application will be denied.** If an applicant is found to have knowingly falsified this application or omitted pertinent information that person may be subject to criminal prosecution. The waiting period will begin on the date that this application is fully completed and submitted.

**DATA PRACTICES ADVISORY**

The Minnesota Data Practices Act requires you be advised of the following:

As an applicant for a permit to carry a pistol, you are being asked to provide private data about yourself that will be used to check various databases to determine your eligibility to possess a firearm.

You may refuse to provide this data. If you refuse, the background check cannot be completed and your application will not be processed. Providing the data will permit the background check to be completed. The result of the check may be either affirmative or negative. The data you provide may be shared with other criminal justice agencies, via court order or as authorized or required by law.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE DATA PRACTICES ADVISORY.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

**REQUIRED PERSONAL DATA**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, JR/SR):			BIRTH DATE:		PHONE NO.:	
MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) OR OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED:						
PRESENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS:			CITY/TOWNSHIP (if applicable):		COUNTY:	STATE:
ZIP CODE:						
SEX:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	EYE COLOR:	HAIR COLOR:	STATE:	DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE ID OR PASSPORT NUMBER:
DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS (INCLUDING SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, ETC.):						

**PREVIOUS RESIDENCES (PAST 5 YEARS)**

FROM (Mo/Yr) – TO (Mo/Yr)	CITY	TOWNSHIP (if applicable)	COUNTY	STATE

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HUMAN SERVICES DATA FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, JR/SR):	BIRTH DATE:	PHONE NO.:
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MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) OR OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED:

PRESENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	CITY/TOWNSHIP (if applicable):	COUNTY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
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TO: Minnesota Department of Human Services or a similar government agency in another state that maintains data about civil commitments

By signing this Authorization for Release of Data I am giving the Minnesota Department of Human Services or a similar government agency in another state permission to release the following types of data about me to the named law enforcement agency. I understand this data will be used by the law enforcement agency as part of a background check to determine whether I am eligible for a permit to carry, eligible to renew a permit to carry, or eligible for a permit to purchase a firearm.

The data I am asking to be released would indicate whether I have been:

- Committed by a court as mentally ill, developmentally disabled or mentally ill and dangerous to the public
- Committed by a court as chemically dependent
- Found incompetent to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of mental illness
- A peace officer informally admitted to a treatment facility for chemical dependency

The data is to be released to the listed **law enforcement agency**:

AGENCY NAME:

AGENCY ADDRESS:

AGENCY CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER:

I understand that by signing this form I am requesting the data listed be sent to the law enforcement agency listed. I may cancel this consent at any time by writing to the Minnesota Department of Human Services or government agency in another state. If data has already been released based on this consent, my request to cancel the release will not work for that data.

I understand when the data is sent to the law enforcement agency, the data could be redisclosed as allowed under federal and state law. If I choose not to sign this consent form, I may not be able to receive a permit.

This consent will end five years from the date any permit is issued unless I indicate an earlier date or event here:

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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For Law Enforcement Use Only – Permit Issue Date:

## RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions apply to the possession of firearms, to purchase/transfer permits, and reports of transfer for handguns and semiautomatic military-style assault weapons. Individuals with restrictions shall not be entitled to possess a pistol or any other firearm. The legal basis for the restrictions may be found in federal law (18 United States Code § 922) or Minnesota law (Minnesota Statutes, §§ 253B.02, 624.712, 624.713, 624.7131 or 624.714).

- Must be at least 21 years old to purchase a handgun or handgun ammunition from a federally licensed dealer.
- Must be at least 18 years old to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifle.
- Must not have been convicted, adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction juvenile of a crime of violence in Minnesota or elsewhere unless civil rights have been restored and during that time you have not been convicted of any other crime of violence.  
**NOTE: This lifetime prohibition on possessing, receiving, shipping, or transporting firearms for persons convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence applies only to offenders who are discharged from sentence or court supervision for a crime of violence on or after August 1, 1993.**
- Must not have been charged with a crime of violence or placed in a pretrial diversion program by the court before disposition until you have completed the diversion program and the charge of committing the crime of violence has been dismissed.
- Must not have been convicted of fifth-degree assault as defined in Minnesota Statutes, §609.224 or assault as defined in Minnesota Statutes, §609.2242 or a similar offense in another state where the victim was a family or household member since August 1, 1992. Additional restrictions apply.
- Must not have been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in 18 United States Code section 922(g)(9). Federal law prohibits the possession of a firearm for anyone convicted in any court of a qualified misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.
- Must not be subject to a court order that (1) was issued after a hearing of which you had actual notice and at which you had an opportunity to participate; (2) restrains you from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner, a child of an intimate partner, or your own child, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in a reasonable fear of bodily injury to that person or a child; and (3) includes a finding that you represent a credible threat to the physical safety of such intimate partner or child or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.
- Must not be an unlawful user of any controlled substance as defined in Chapter 152 of Minnesota Statutes.
- Must not be a person who is or has ever been committed by a judicial determination for treatment for the habitual use of a controlled substance as defined in Minnesota Statutes, §§ 152.01 and 152.02, unless the person's ability to possess a firearm has been restored under Minnesota Statutes, §624.713, subdivision 4 and must not have been convicted in Minnesota or elsewhere of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor violation of Chapter 152 of Minnesota Statutes, unless three years have elapsed since the date of conviction and during that time the person has not been convicted of any other such violation of Chapter 152 of Minnesota Statutes or a similar law of another state.
- Must not have been committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as chemically dependent unless you have completed treatment or your civil rights to possess a firearm have been restored.
- Must not have been judicially committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as "mentally ill," "developmentally disabled" or "mentally defective," or "mentally ill and dangerous to the public."
- Must not be a peace officer who has been informally admitted to a treatment facility for chemical dependency unless you possess a certificate from the head of the treatment facility discharging or provisionally discharging you from that facility.
- Must not have been convicted in Minnesota or elsewhere of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year (other than for offenses pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade, or similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices) unless your civil rights have been restored or the conviction has been pardoned, expunged, or set aside.
- Must not be a fugitive from justice as a result of having fled from any state to avoid prosecution for a crime or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding.
- Must not be an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States.
- Must not have been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions.
- Must not have renounced your United States citizenship.
- Must not have been convicted of a gross misdemeanor level crime committed for the benefit of a gang (§609.229); assault motivated by bias (§609.2231, subd. 4); false imprisonment (§609.255); neglect or endangerment of a child (§609.378); burglary in 4th degree (§609.582 subd. 4); setting a spring gun (§609.665); riot (§609.71) or harassment and stalking (§609.749), unless three years have elapsed since the date of conviction and during that time you have not been convicted of any other violation of these sections. (All references are to Minnesota Statutes.)
- Must not be under a qualified domestic abuse restraining order as defined in 18 United States Code section 922 (g)(8) or (9) as amended through March 1, 2014.

**RESTRICTIONS**

The following statutes describe persons that are prohibited from possessing a firearm:

- Minnesota Statutes, §518B.01, subdivision 14 - Violation of an Order for Protection.
- Minnesota Statutes, §609.224, subdivision 3 - Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> degree with firearms.
- Minnesota Statutes, §609.2242, subdivision 3 - Domestic assaults with firearms.
- Minnesota Statutes, §609.749, subdivision 8 - Harassment; Stalking; Firearms.
- Minnesota Statutes, §624.713 - Certain persons not to possess firearms.
- Minnesota Statutes, §624.719 - Possession of a firearm by non-resident alien.
- Minnesota Statutes, §629.715, subdivision 2 - Surrender of firearms as condition of release.
- Minnesota Statutes, §629.72, subdivision 2 - Judicial review that prohibits person from possessing a firearm.
- Minnesota Statutes, §299C.091 - Listed in the criminal gang investigation system.

Note: Federal laws, not listed herein, may also prohibit possession of a firearm for certain persons.

**I HEREBY STATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THAT I AM NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM.**

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

The Applicant must submit the following items with this application:

- A completed application form, signed and dated by the Applicant;
- An accurate photocopy of a certificate, affidavit, or other document that is submitted as the Applicant's evidence of training in the safe use of a pistol that meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, §624.714;
- An accurate photocopy of the Applicant's current driver's license, state identification card, or the photo page of the Applicant's passport.
- In addition to the other application materials, a person who is otherwise ineligible for a permit due to a criminal conviction but who has obtained a pardon or expungement setting aside the conviction, sealing the conviction, or otherwise restoring applicable rights, must submit a copy of the relevant order.

**NOTICE OF REVOCATION**

Permit, if granted, shall be void at the time the holder becomes prohibited from possession of a pistol under Minnesota Statutes, in which event the holder must immediately return the permit to the issuing sheriff's office.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF PERMIT**

Within 30 days after changing permanent address, or within 30 days of having lost or destroyed the permit card, the permit holder must notify the issuing sheriff's office of the change, loss, or destruction.

**If card is lost or destroyed, permit holder must provide a notarized statement that the card has been lost or destroyed.**

Failure to provide notification as required by this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor.

**DENIAL**

**This application is denied based on the following reason(s):**

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Sheriff's Office



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RECEIPT

CHECK TYPE	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	EMERGENCY

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PERMIT TO CARRY APPLICATION OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of Applicant)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person accepting application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Issuing Sheriff's Office

**This receipt *DOES NOT* constitute a permit to carry a pistol.**