

JURY DUTY IS . . .



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Serving as a juror preserves the right to a fair trial for you and for others.

YOUR RIGHT

You may appear for jury duty regardless of your race, ethnicity, education, beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, income, or employment status.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Being a juror is your chance to participate in our justice system and to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

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Jury Duty in Connecticut

What Every Student Should Know

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS



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Q: What if I attend college in Connecticut?

A: If you are a legal resident of Connecticut, you are required to serve. You may reschedule to a holiday or summer break when classes are not in session. If your legal residence is in another state, you may not serve. You may be required to provide proof of residence if you live out of state.

Q: I attend college out of state. What should I do?

A: College students are expected to serve when they return home for breaks and holidays. If you will not return to Connecticut within one year of your original summons date, write a letter to the Jury Administrator explaining your situation.

A letter to the Jury Administrator should include your full name, your Connecticut address, your current address and Juror Identification number, if available. Sign each letter under penalty of false statement and return it to:

Jury Administration
P.O. Box 260448
Hartford, CT 06126-0448

Q: Who may serve as a juror?

A: Any United States citizen 18 years of age or older who has not been convicted of a felony within the past 7 years and who speaks and understands the English language and is a resident of Connecticut may serve.*

* A defendant in a pending felony case or someone in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction may not serve. The governor, top elected state officials, and state and federal judges are exempted from jury service, as well as members of the General Assembly while the G.A. is in session. Additionally, no one can be disqualified on the basis of deafness or hearing impairment.

Q: I haven't obtained my degree yet. Do I need any special training or education to understand the court proceedings?

A: Jury service is for everyone regardless of education. Each individual draws on his or her own life experience and judgment to listen to testimony from each side, consider all evidence presented and apply the relevant law as instructed by the judge in the case to arrive at a verdict.

Q: Will I be paid for jury duty?

A: If you work full time as defined by Connecticut State law, your employer must pay your regular wages for the first five days or part thereof of jury duty.

If you work less than 30 hours per week, you will be reimbursed up to \$50 per day (no less than \$20) for certain out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses may include mileage, parking, childcare or family care.

Q: How did you get my name?



A: By state law, the Jury Administrator obtains lists of licensed drivers, voters, state income taxpayers and people who received unemployment compensation.

Duplicate names, along with the names of deceased individuals, permanently disabled individuals and anyone at least 70 years of age and older who chooses not to serve, are removed from the list. The lists are combined to form a single list of individuals from which jurors are randomly selected.

Q: Is there anyone who should not be a juror?

A: By state law, jurors may be disqualified if they have a disability that prevents them from serving, if they have served within the past three years, or, if they are 70 years of age or older and choose not to serve.

Jurors must be disqualified if they have committed a felony within the past seven years, they are not U.S. citizens, or a judge of the Superior Court has found that they exhibit a quality that makes them unfit to serve.*

Q: Why should I serve when there are so many other people who could go?

A: Jury duty is everyone's responsibility. If you were ever in need of a jury, you would be comforted to know that people like you are willing to serve.

Q: I am disabled, but I want to serve. What should I do?

A: Jury Administration makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities. If you would like an accommodation, contact Jury Administration at either of the telephone numbers listed on the back of this brochure.

Q: When I'm home, I don't drive. What should I do?

A: You are responsible for arranging a ride to the courthouse on the day you are scheduled to serve. If you are unable to arrange a ride, or if public transportation does not exist in your area, then you must write a letter explaining your circumstances to the Jury Administrator.