

Why is jury service important?

Jury service is one of the cornerstones of a free society. By reporting for jury service you help preserve our jury system for yourself and for others.

Jury Administration Contact Information

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A Guide to Juror Service for Members of the Military



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Q: Are members of the military automatically exempt?

A: Not automatically, however, your military service may result in you being excused on the basis of extreme hardship.

Q: Who may be excused for extreme hardship?

A: Active duty military personnel serving out of state, on board a ship or overseas, or on a Connecticut military base during time of war may be excused on the basis of extreme hardship.

Q: May civilian personnel employed at a Connecticut military base be excused for extreme hardship?

A: Civilian personnel must report for jury service, however, jury service may be postponed to a more convenient date.

Q: I am not a Connecticut resident, but I am serving on a Connecticut military base. Am I required to serve as a juror in a Connecticut Superior Court?

A: No. Only legal residents of the State of Connecticut are eligible to serve as jurors in a state court.

Q: If I am serving overseas, or on board a ship, or out of state, or on a Connecticut military base during time of war, how may I be excused from jury service?

A: If you are overseas, or on board a ship, or out of state you may write a letter to the Jury Administrator that includes the following:

- Your branch of the military service
- Your rank and duty station
- Your expected date of return to Connecticut

If you are serving on a Connecticut military base during time of war, you may have your commanding officer write a letter to the Jury Administrator that includes the following:

- Your branch of the military service
- Your rank and duty station
- A statement that your continued presence on the base is essential to the war effort

You may forward the letter to the Jury Administrator via United States mail at the following address:

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

Or, you may send an e-mail at:
<http://www.jud.ct.gov/jury/>
Just click on "Answering your summons".

Q: How will I be notified that I am excused?

A: You will be notified via United States mail that you have been excused for one year due to extreme hardship.

Q: Is this excuse permanent?

A: No. You may be randomly selected to serve again during the following court year. If this occurs, you must re-apply to be excused for extreme hardship. A court year runs from September 1 through August 31 in any given year.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Call Jury Administration toll-free at 1-800-842-8175 from anywhere within the United States, or visit our website at www.jud.ct.gov/jury/

