



Non-Refundable Application Fee: \$50.00



**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Enrollment Application for Master Hunter Permit Program**

<p>NOTE: Individuals who do not meet the requirements set forth in WAC 232-12-073(3) -Master Hunter Permit Program- may not apply for enrollment in the Washington Master Hunter Program. See the WAC at http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/masterhunter/ (Please see the back of this application for more information on the program and the CD format materials you will receive.) (Please type or print clearly. Illegible and/or incomplete applications will not be processed)</p>	<p>WILD ID # _____ - _____ - _____</p>
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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Age	Date Of Birth	Male Female (Circle)
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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County	Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-Mail
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Have you successfully completed a basic hunter education course? (circle answer) Yes No If yes, where and when?

Have you **EVER** been charged with a misdemeanor or felony? (circle answer) Yes No If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **EVER** received a citation for violation of any state or federal fish & wildlife laws? (circle answer) Yes No If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

- I understand that my application for enrollment will not be accepted unless I enclose a check or money order payable to WDFW Master Hunter in the amount of \$50.00. I further understand that a principal objective in the Master Hunter Permit Program is to represent the highest ethical ideals as a Washington hunter. I understand that failure to uphold those high ideals may result in termination from the Master Hunter Permit Program. I acknowledge that:
- Applications are accepted only between January 1 – February 15 annually
 - Certification as a Master Hunter is valid only for a five-year period
 - I must contribute at least 20 hours of voluntary service in an approved project activity
 - I must demonstrate shooting proficiency with at least one hunting implement
 - I must study WDFW-provided materials and pass a rigorous test on those materials
 - I must complete a C.O.R.T. (Crime Observation and Reporting Training) course offered by Eyes In The Woods prior to receiving certification as a Master Hunter
 - I must sign and abide by the Master Hunter *Code Of Ethics* prior to certification
 - I must agree to submit to a criminal background check prior to certification as a Master Hunter
 - Only Washington residents may apply, per RCW 77.08.010(39)
 - All requirements must be completed by November 15 of the current application year

If I am successful in completing the requirements established by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Master Hunter Permit Program, I agree to accept my responsibility as a Master Hunter, obey fish and wildlife laws, and conduct myself as an ethical hunter at all times.

I further certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation or concealment of material fact will be sufficient grounds for rejection of my permit application or certification as a Master Hunter in Washington State.

I also understand that WDFW will conduct a criminal background investigation as the final step in the Master Hunter Permit Program application process.

I hereby authorize such action by my signature below.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

What is the Master Hunter Education Permit Program?

The Master Hunter (MH) Permit Program is a voluntary program designed to promote responsible hunting. The program is based around a model of independent study, offering maximum flexibility to hunters in pursuing MH training.

The goals of the program are simple and straightforward: (1) Improving landowner-sportsman relations, (2) Increasing hunter knowledge, and, (3) Expanding hunting opportunities and/or hunter access to private lands.

What are the benefits or rewards?

Individuals who successfully complete the program receive a patch and permit as recognition of their accomplishments. In addition, there are special hunting opportunities available based on WDFW management needs and other considerations. Special opportunities vary from year to year, and may include elk, deer, bear, waterfowl, and turkey hunts in designated areas throughout Washington. Please note, however, that recognition and special hunts are really icing on the proverbial cake. Individuals who are only interested in additional hunting opportunity are asked to look elsewhere. The true motivation for participants interested in enrolling in the MH Permit Program should be a genuine and personal desire to demonstrate a level of knowledge and skill that goes beyond that required of an “average” hunter. Washington is fortunate to have hundreds of thousands of conscientious, law-abiding hunters and conservationists. The MH Permit Program provides an opportunity for those who care enough about the future of hunting to step forward and assume a leadership role among their hunting peers.

What is required?

The MH program requires applicants to demonstrate shooting proficiency with a bow, handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun shooting shot, slug gun, or crossbow. Master hunters are expected to qualify with the legal hunting implement they intend to use during any MH season. In addition, MH applicants must donate a minimum of 20 hours on projects benefiting our wildlife resources. Attendance at Crime Observation and Reporting Training (C.O.R.T.) and a background check are also required for successful completion. In addition, prospective MH Permit candidates must study comprehensive materials and demonstrate the learning by achieving an 80% passing score on a very challenging written examination. Finally, a background investigation and a signed agreement to abide by the Master Hunter Code of Ethics are required. All work is to be completed within nine months from the date study materials are sent.

Are there any cost?

Yes, but they are held to an absolute minimum. MH Permit candidates pay a \$50.00 basic application fee. Monies are used to defer program costs.

How can I enroll in the program? What if I want printed materials in addition to the CD materials? What if I have other questions?

Fill out the enclosed application, enclose a check payable to WDFW Master Hunter and send it in to the address listed on the other side of this application.

Study materials are only available from WDFW in a CD format. You must have and know how to use a personal computer to use our CD materials. Applicants may also order a hard copy of the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Manual directly from the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association at: AHEIA, 911 Sylvester Crescent SW, Calgary, Alberta T2W OR8 (Phone: 1-866-85-AHEIA).

If you have other questions, please check our web site at wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/masterhunter/