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AK	No min. age w/ parent's or guardian's consent. Otherwise, over age 16 & emancipated	No min. age. HE is only offered in the road-connected areas of the state	<i>Road-connected areas:</i> Over age 10	<i>Road-connected areas:</i> No min. age	<i>Road-connected areas:</i> Until child is age 16, unsupervised is not allowed	<i>Road-connected areas:</i> Adult must be (a) over age 16 & grad of HE; or (b) born after 1/1/86	Not offered
			<i>Remote areas:</i> HE not req'd; must be over age 10	<i>Remote areas:</i> HE not req'd; must be over age 10	<i>Remote areas:</i> HE not req'd; must be over age 10	<i>Remote areas:</i> HE not req'd; must be over age 10	
AZ	No min. age	10 yrs old (soon to be 9 yrs old)	14 yrs old	10 yrs old (but only for big game)	14 yrs old	14 yrs old	Not offered
CA	No min. age	No min. age	No min. age	No min. age	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not offered

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IL	10 years old to get a Firearm Owner ID Card (FOID). If no FOID, can possess firearms at any age if accompanied by adult.	No min. age	18 yrs old	No min. age	Must have been born prior to 1/1/80.	10 yrs old, but only for 1 year. Then must take HE	10 yrs old
KS	No min. age	11 yrs old	12 yrs old	11 yrs old	Not allowed	OK at any age parent feels child is ready	No min. age
MD	No min. age	No min. age	No min. age. If 16 or younger and hunting on a Youth Hunter day, must be accompanied by an unarmed, licensed adult 21 or older.	No min. age.	Not allowed. Must pass HE.	Not allowed. Must pass HE.	Not offered.

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NC	No min.age	No min. age	No min. age	No min. age	16 yrs old. Must show a hunter safety certificate of competency or a hunting license issued prior to 7/1/91 to get a hunting license, regardless of age.	Not allowed. Must pass HE (but see next column).	Not offered, but students awaiting their hunter safety certificate of competency and who have purchased a lifetime license may hunt accompanied by a licensed adult.
OR	No min. age if firearm provided by parent or w/ parent's consent	No min. age	<i>On parent's land:</i> no min. age unless hunting big game. <i>Hunting big game:</i> 12 yrs old.	<i>Hunting small game:</i> No min. age. <i>Hunting big game:</i> 12 yrs old.	<i>On parent's land:</i> 14 yrs old.	<i>Hunting small game:</i> no min. age. <i>Hunting big game:</i> 12 yrs old.	9 yrs old
			<i>On other land:</i> 14 yrs old		<i>On other land:</i> 18 yrs old.		
TX	No min. age	9 yrs old	9 yrs old	9 yrs old	Not allowed	No min. age	Not offered

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UT	No min age if accompanied by adult	No min. age.	16 yrs. old	No min. age, but must be 16 to hunt big game w/ weapon, & can't purchase hunting license w/o proof of HE if born after 12/31/65.	Can't purchase hunting license w/o proof of HE if born after 12/31/65. Can hunt "unprotected wildlife" w/o license, but must be accompanied by parent to hunt with weapon up to age 16.	Can hunt "unprotected wildlife"* w/ a weapon and w/o a license or parental supervision after age 16. *includes coyote, field mouse, gopher, ground squirrel, jack rabbit, muskrat and raccoon.	Not offered
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WA	<p><i>18 yrs old; but no min. age if any one of these applies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending HE; • target-shooting at a range; • shooting in a competition; • hunting w/ a valid license; • passed HE & is 14 yrs old or supervised by parent; • traveling w/ unloaded gun; • is on parent's property w/ approval; • is home and has permission to defend self; • is member of & on duty for armed forces, national guard, or reserves. 	No min. age	No min. age as long as has all licenses, tags, etc.	No min. age as long as has all licenses, tags, etc.	Not allowed for anyone born after 1/1/72 unless can show a WA hunting license from a previous year.	See next column.	10 yrs old when applying. Cannot have failed HE w/in the previous 12 mos. Accompanying hunter must be at least age 18 and had a WA hunting license the previous 3 yrs.
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WI	12 yrs old.	No min. age.	14 yrs. old.	12 yrs. old.	Not allowed if born after 1/1/73.	Not allowed if born after 1/1/73.	Not offered.
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