

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why is jury service important?

Juror Information

The United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution guarantee all people, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status, the right to trial by an impartial jury. Justice ultimately depends to a large measure upon the quality of the jurors who serve in our courts.

What is my duty as a juror?

As a juror, you must be fair and impartial. Your actions and decisions must be free of any bias or prejudice. Your actions and decisions are the foundation of our judicial system.

Am I eligible?

Jurors must:

Be a citizen of the United States and of this state.

Be at least 18 years of age.

Reside in the county of jury service.

Be able to read and write.

Be of sound mind.

You cannot serve on a jury if:

You have been convicted of a felony or of any type of theft (unless rights have been restored)

You are now on probation or deferred adjudication for a felony or for any type of theft; or

You are now under indictment for a felony or are now under criminal charges for any type of theft.

If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a jury for one of the above or any other reasons, please notify the judge.

Who can be excused from jury service?

You are entitled to be excused as a juror if you:

Are over 70 years of age;

Have legal custody of a child under 10 years of age and jury service would leave the child unsupervised;

Are a student in class;

Are the caretaker of a person who is unable to care for themselves (an invalid); or

Can show a physical or mental impairment or an inability to comprehend or to communicate in English.