

Perry County Circuit Court
P.O. Box 91 121 Main Street
Linden, TN 37096
(931)589-2218

SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR
JURY DUTY
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You are hereby notified that you have been selected for jury service in the trial courts of Perry County, Tennessee. You must report to **Perry County Circuit Court** in Linden, Tennessee, on **August 30, 2023 at 8:45 AM.** Unless you are notified by the court that you are not required to appear, you are subject to being held in contempt of court and being fined up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus court costs if you fail to appear.

Name and Address: _____

Phone [To be provided by Juror]: _____


JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM

IF YOU ARE INELIGIBLE TO SERVE, WISH TO BE EXCUSED, OR WISH TO POSTPONE YOUR SERVICE, RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE COURT BY MAIL WITHIN 10 DAYS

ELIGIBILITY: A person is only eligible for jury service if he or she is at least 18 years of age, is a citizen of the United States, has been a resident of Perry County for at least 12 months, has not served as a juror during the previous twenty-four (24) months, and has not been convicted of perjury, subornation of perjury, a felony, or any infamous offense. If you believe you are ineligible to serve, list the reason(s) below. If your ineligibility is due to a criminal conviction, list the name(s) of the offense(s) of which you were convicted: _____

POSTPONEMENT OF SERVICE: Jurors may request a temporary postponement of their jury service. If you wish to request a postponement, complete the following: 1. Have you previously been granted a postponement of jury service? Yes No; 2. List a period of _____ within the next 12 months when you will be available to complete your service: _____; 3. If you have previously been granted a postponement, list the extraordinary event, such as a death in your immediate family, sudden grave illness, natural disaster, or national emergency which you believe qualifies you for another postponement: _____

EXCUSE FROM SERVICE: Jurors will only be excused if serving will cause an undue or extreme physical or financial hardship. Such a hardship may be present if the juror has a mental or physical condition which causes the juror to be incapable of performing jury service, or if the juror would: (a) be required to abandon a person under such juror's personal care or supervision due to the impossibility of obtaining an appropriate substitute caregiver during the period of participation in the jury pool or on the jury; (b) incur costs that would have a substantial adverse impact on the payment of the juror's necessary daily living expenses or on those for whom such juror provides the principal means of support; (c) suffer physical hardship that would result in illness or disease; or (d) be deprived of compensation due to the fact that the prospective juror works out-of-state and the out-of-state employer is unwilling to compensate the juror, or that the prospective juror is employed by an employer who is not required to compensate jurors and declines to do so voluntarily. An undue or extreme physical or financial hardship does not exist solely based on the fact that a juror will be required to be absent from the juror's place of employment. If you wish to assert such a hardship, explain the nature of the hardship and enclose an affidavit, income tax returns, medical statement from a licensed physician, proof of dependency or guardianship, or any other documentation which may be relevant to your request. Failure to provide satisfactory documentation may result in the denial of your request. However, unless you are notified by the Court that your excuse is approved, you must appear and present your excuse to the Judge on August 30, 2023. You must appear on this date unless otherwise directed by the Circuit Court Clerk.

 If, in order for you to report for jury service or serve as a juror, you require assistance or modification due to a qualified disability, please contact the ADA Coordinator, _____, at (931)589-2218.

JURY SERVICE INFORMATION SHEET

Congratulations on being selected for jury service in Perry County! Your service is essential to the administration of justice, and your participation is greatly appreciated by the judges, attorneys, and parties. The constitutional right to a jury trial is critical to our judicial system, and jurors are a crucial part of the process. Serving as a juror is not only an obligation, but a right and privilege. Thank you for serving.

A judge and jury coordinator will be available to answer any questions you have concerning your service when you appear on August 30, 2023. However, you may also find the information below helpful.

Directions to the Courthouse and Parking Information:

Perry County Circuit Court

P.O. Box 91 121 Main Street Linden, TN 37096

Length of Service: Your term is 6 months in length. You will not be required to be at the courthouse each day, but will merely call a recording at (931)589-2218 on dates that are provided by the court to see if you are needed.

Attire: Jurors must be dressed appropriately while in the courthouse. Although the judge will determine whether jurors' attire is appropriate, jurors should not wear shorts, short skirts, sagging pants, see-through or suggestive clothing, visible undergarments (including undershirts and tank tops), flip flops, house shoes, bandanas, headbands, hats/caps, or clothing with inappropriate or offensive advertisements or slogans.

Prohibited Items: Jurors may not bring drugs, alcohol, or weapons into the courthouse. If you require medication during your service, contact Gracie Bates at (931)589-2218 *prior to the date of your appearance.*

Permissible Items: Jurors should listen closely when being addressed by a judge, jury coordinator, or other court personnel. However, there may be periods in which jurors are required to sit quietly and wait for the next step in the jury selection process. During those periods, jurors may read, drink non-alcoholic beverages, or eat snacks. These items are not provided by the court, so jurors may wish to bring the items with them to the courthouse.

Compensation by Court: Jurors will receive \$10.00 for each day's attendance.

Employer – Compensation: If an employer employs less than five people on a regular basis or if the juror has been employed by an employer on a temporary basis for less than six months, the employer is not required to compensate the juror during the period of jury service. All other Tennessee employers must provide a juror's usual compensation *for the time the juror actually spends serving and traveling to and from jury duty.* An employer has the discretion to deduct the amount of compensation the juror receives from the court. You may request a certificate of attendance when you report for jury duty if your employer requires such a certificate.

Employer – Excused Absences: An employer must excuse the juror from employment for each day the juror's service exceeds three hours if the juror shows the jury summons to the employer upon receipt of the summons. A juror who works the night shift or the hours immediately preceding the hours court is normally held should contact the jury coordinator at (931)589-2218 for additional guidance.

IF YOU PRE-REGISTER FOR SERVICE YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND ON AUGUST 30TH, 2023. A LIST OF POSSIBLE TRIAL DATES WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. THE DAY BEFORE YOU WILL RECEIVE A TEXT OR CALL THE OFFICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO REPORT.

TO PRE-REGISTER FILL OUT THE BACK SHEET AND RETURN TO THE CLERKS OFFICE BY MAIL, FAX (931) 589-2350 OR EMAIL, Joy.breeding@tncourts.gov

Joy Breeding
Perry County Circuit Court Clerk
P.O. Box 91
Linden, TN 37096
931-589-2218 931-589-2350 (fax)
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Please select Panel:

_____ Jury Panel 1 August 30th, to November 30th, 2023

_____ Jury Panel 2, December 1st to February 26th, 2024

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Would you like to receive text regarding Jury duty? _____ YES _____ No

Occupation: _____ Employer's ame: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Children at home: _____

Have you ever served on Jury Duty before? _____ Yes _____ No

Please return this sheet to the Clerk's office if you wish to Pre-Register. If you Pre-Register you will not be required to attend on August 30th. You will receive information regarding possible trial dates by mail. If you elect to receive text messages regarding jury duty you must opt in by texting the word ALERT to 22300. Some carriers restrict delivery of text messages. The day before the possible trial date you will receive a text message as to whether or not to report.

If you do not pre-register, please bring this form completed with you on August 30th, 2023.