2025 Landowner Elk Application and Eligibility Rules

Applications must be received at NGPC by 5 p.m. on the final day of the application period

Landowner permits are available for all big game species. Landowner antelope and elk permits have a set quota. Landowner deer permits are not limited. Nebraska Revised Statute § 37-455 requires that residents have preference over nonresidents. NGPC meets those requirements with rules that favor residents with lower price permit fees, lower acreage requirements and differential preference points for landowner elk permits. Nonresident LO elk applicants earn lesser preference points (0.9) vs (1.0) for Residents. For more information regarding landowner requirements please refer to Nebraska Revised Statutes §37-455 and Title 163, Chapter 4, § 001 of the Nebraska Administrative Code or call your local NGPC District Wildlife office for more information.

RULES:

- 1. A qualifying land owner (Owner) is defined as (1) a Nebraska resident or non-resident who, in their individual capacity, <u>owns</u> Nebraska land in fee simple, provided that a recorded deed or contract for ownership is recorded in the county in which the land is located; (2) a Nebraska resident or non-resident who owns land through a trust or corporate entity such as a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, so long as the corporate entity owns the minimum required acreage required by law to apply for a permit. Such entities may designate <u>one</u> qualifying landowner.
- 2. The immediate family of an owner may also qualify for Landowner permits (Nebraska Revised Statutes §37-455). Immediate family is defined as "the spouse of such person, any child or stepchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of any such child or stepchild, any grandchild or stepgrandchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of such grandchild or stepgrandchild, any sibling of such person sharing ownership in the property, and any spouse of any such sibling."
- 3. If land is **leased** by a Nebraska resident, the Leaseholder and their immediate family may also qualify for Landowner permits. *Nonresident leaseholders do* **NOT** *qualify*.
- 4. LO applicants are **NOT** required to live in the same household as the landowner.
- 5. Qualifying farm and ranch land <u>MUST</u> be used for agricultural purposes such as crop or livestock production. Land used solely for recreation does <u>NOT</u> qualify. <u>Hunting leases do not qualify.</u>
- 6. The maximum number of applicants allowed for one farm/ranch is determined by size of the property in total acres, divided by the minimum acreage requirement. Example: Resident Elk LO 640 acres owned / 320 acres = 2 LO applications allowed.
- 7. Persons may have no more than 1 LO permit per species per year.
- 8. Qualifying land listed in application <u>MUST</u> be in a Landowner Elk Zone
- 9. Owners or leaseholders applying for an elk permit are **NOT** required to live in a Landowner Elk Zone.
- 10. Persons who had a LO bull elk permit in the previous two years are NOT eligible to apply for a bull permit.
- 11. <u>The \$10 application fee is due at the time of application</u>. The permit will be paid for during the purchase period. <u>Preference point only</u> <u>applications will pay for the point at the time of application.</u>
- 12. <u>Applicants will only be notified of drawing results by email. If you do not provide a valid email address it is your responsibility to check</u> <u>your drawing results in your permit profile on OutdoorNebraska.gov.</u>
- 13. Landowner applications for elk permits must be submitted to the NGPC District Wildlife office which has authority for the elk management unit listed on the application form set out below:
 - Alliance office: Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10
 - o 308 763 2940 / 299 Husker Road / Alliance, NE 69301
 - North Platte office: Units 5, 12, 131 and 132
 - o 308 535 8025 / 301 East State Farm Road / North Platte, NE 69101
 - Bassett Customer Service Center: Units 6, 7 and 14
 - o 402 684 2921 / PO Box 508 / Bassett NE, 68714

Table 1 - Landowner permit applicant Acreage Requirements:

	Resident rules	Non-Resident rules	Hunt Location
Elk	Own 320 acres in elk zone	Own 1280 acres in elk zone	Any land in elk
	Own/Lease 640 acres in elk zone	Not eligible on leased land	management unit

Table 2 - Acres, Price and Preference for Elk.

(Residency of owner determines minimum acres. Residency of applicant determines price and preference.)

Owner / Applicant	Acre Rules	Price	Preference Points
Resident owner and	Own 320 acres in elk zone	Elk = \$48	Resident pref. assigned
immediate family:	Own/Lease 640 acres in elk zone	Pref. Point Only = \$15	Elk = 1 point
Nonresident owner and	Own 1280 acres in elk zone	Elk = \$542	Nonresident pref. assigned
immediate family:		Pref. Point Only = \$50	Elk = 0.9 point
Nonresident owner &	Nonresident Acres:	Elk = \$48	Resident pref. assigned
Resident applicant: (i.e.	Own 1280 acres in elk zone	Pref. Point Only = \$15	Elk = 1 point
resident children)			
Resident owner &	Resident Acres:	Elk = \$542	Nonresident pref. assigned
Nonresident applicant:	Own 320 acres in elk zone	Pref. Point Only = \$50	Elk = 0.9 point
(i.e. nonresident children)	Own/Lease 640 acres in elk zone		

Landowner Elk Application

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION SUPPLEMENT: use if more space is required. Properties listed below cannot be used by other Landowner elk permit applicants

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Qualifying Property – Legal description or Parcel ID and ownership (properties listed below cannot be used by other applicants)

Proof of land ownership for <u>ALL</u> applications may be established by submitting a copy of:

- 1. A copy of a recorded property deed;
- 2. and **for corporate entities including trusts, partnerships, corporations, or Limited Liability Companies** proof of ownership must be provided to NGPC. Ownership can be proved through: (A) copy of ownership interest in a for-profit corporation including proof of Bona Fide Equity Shareholder with a fully-executed stock certificate, and articles of incorporation; (B) a copy of the LLCs articles of organization or the operating agreement identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member who became a member upon the formation of the LLC or has purchased a distributional interest in a Nebraska limited liability company for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest in the LLC; (C) partnership agreement or certificate or partnership; and (D) Trust applicants must submit a copy of a trust agreement, which must indicate that the trust owns the minimum required acreage to apply for the permit and the applicant must be listed by name as a current income beneficiary of the trust. A representative of the Commission may call the applicant if further proof of ownership is required. For questions, please call the District Wildlife Offices in Alliance, Norfolk or North Platte.