

# Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge 2009 Hunt Application Instructions

**Mail in applications only! There will be no standby hunting except Youth Hunt.** Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis! Applications must not be postmarked earlier than July 6, or later than October 3 for Muzzleloader Hunts, October 24 for Youth Hunts, November 14 for Shotgun Hunts, Non-Quota Muzzleloader Hunt by December 5. **After September 19, Archery permits** can be purchased by mail or at the Refuge's Visitor Center during open hours.

**Except for archery, a daily maximum of 485 hunters will be selected for all Quota Hunts:** 20 for Area A, 5 for Area B1\* (**certified disabled hunters only**), 20 stationary for area B2, 25 for Area D, 50 for Area E, 35 for Area M1, 90 for Area M2, 5 for Area N, 15 for Area Q1, 5 for Area Q2\*(**certified disabled hunters only**), 50 for Area R, 40 for Area S, 40 for Area T, and 100 for Area U. Area B2 will be closed to shotgun hunting December 11 - December 13. **Hunters will be assigned designated locations in Area B2. Areas B1\* and Q2\* will be limited to certified disabled hunters only.**

**Step 1.** Archery and Youth Hunt applications are green, Muzzleloader Hunt applications are yellow, and Shotgun Hunt applications are lavender. Fill out the application form for each hunt you wish to apply.

A) Archery Hunt (front side of Green Form): Identified by Block # 4 Method - Archery - fill out the top section with your name, address, and phone number. The administrative fee is \$20 for the whole season.

B) Youth Hunt (back side of green form): Identified by Block #8, Special Hunt – Youth Hunt - fill out the top section with your name, address, and phone number. The administrative fee is \$5 or free for first year hunters.

C) Muzzleloader Quota and Non Quota Hunts (front side of Yellow Form): Identified by Block # 5 Species (Deer – White-tailed, Sika) – fill in the top section with your name, address, and phone number. On Block # 6 Hunt Date Choices, circle your first choice date and second choice date for which you wish to apply. On Block # 7 Hunt Location Choice, place the letter of the area in which you wish to hunt for each of your choices. The same date may be circled as your first and second choice, but you must choose a different area. The administrative fee is \$10 for this quota hunt.

D) Muzzleloader White-tail Doe Only Hunt (back side of Yellow Form): Identified by Block #5 Species (Deer – White-tailed Doe Only) – There is no date to choose, just fill in the top section with your name, address, and phone number. The administrative fee is \$10 for this non-quota hunt.

E) Shotgun Hunt (lavender form) – fill in the top section with your name, address, and phone number. On Block #6 Hunt Date Choices, circle your first choice date and second choice date for which you wish to apply. You may only choose either Nov 30 or Dec. 4 as a first or second choice. On Block #7 Hunt Location Choices, place the letter of the area in which you wish to hunt for each of your choices. The same date may be circled as your first and second choice, but you must choose a different area. The administrative fee is \$10 for this quota hunt. In addition, you may also choose the Dec. 10-12 hunt as a separate non-quota hunt. The administrative fee for this non-quota hunt is \$20.

**Step 2.** Fill out the return portion of your hunt permit card with your name and address and apply a 44 cent postage stamp in the upper right hand corner.

**Step 3.** On the back of the return portion of your hunt permit card where it states Check Type of Fees Enclosed, place a check in front of each of the hunts you are applying for. Enclose appropriate fees (money order, cashier's check, or personal check made payable to the **Friends of Blackwater**. One check or money order to cover all hunt fees is all that is required.) If you have a Federal Golden Age Passport/Senior Pass or Golden Access Passport/Access Pass, you must write your pass number in the appropriate blank to qualify for one half off your hunt fees.

**Step 4.** Mail completed application in an envelope to: Attn: Refuge Hunts, Blackwater NWR, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613. Hunters wishing to hunt as a party must mail their applications together in **one** envelope. **No more than 3 hunters may apply as a party!** Checks or money orders must be included with applications. **EACH** application must include return address and postage as described in Step 3. Failure to properly and legibly complete this application, fill in the return address information below, affix a ~~44¢~~ stamp for return postage, or submit the correct fees will result in disqualification of your application.