

# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Application/Renewal for Notary Public

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ:**

- 1. This application is used to apply to become a new notary public and for notaries to renew their notary commission.
- 2. **Legibly** type or print all information on Page 2 prior to signing in the presence of a notary public. Print and sign your name on Page 2 exactly as you will each time you notarize documents in the future. The printed name and signature must match.
- 3. The statutory filing fee is **\$25.00 (USD)**, payable to "SC Secretary of State." Please indicate your payment method on Page 3.
- 4. Mail <u>ALL</u> pages of your application with original signatures to your county legislative delegation office that is listed on Page 5. Your delegation office will review your application, complete Page 4, and then forward your completed application to the Secretary of State's Office.
- 5. If you are renewing your notary commission, and if your name and/or home address has changed since the issuance of your current commission, you **must** file the Change in Status form regarding these changes prior to renewing your commission. If your commission has already expired, or you are within 30 days of expiring, you will not need to complete the Change in Status form to change your name and/or address prior to applying to renew your commission. Change in Status forms can be filed through the Online Notary Portal available on our website.
- 6. You must be a registered voter in South Carolina to become a notary public. If you do not know your voter registration number, you may check it at <u>https://scvotes.gov/</u>.
- 7. Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §26-1-90 (K) and (J), a notary public who is not a licensed attorney may not provide a service that would constitute the unauthorized practice of law (UPL). In addition, a notary cannot claim to have powers, qualifications, rights or privileges that a notary does not have. Examples of the unauthorized practice of law include preparation of legal documents, giving legal advice or answering legal questions, and performing a real estate or mortgage loan closing, among other activities.

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of being a South Carolina Notary Public, please visit the Notaries page of our website for resources, including the South Carolina Notary Public Reference Manual and Notary Webinar.

#### PLEASE LEGIBLY TYPE OR PRINT

	To:	Governor	of the	State of	of South	Carolina
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*Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §26-1-10, I respectfully petition to be appointed as a Notary Public for this State and submit the following information:* 

Name						
Home Street Address				Zip Code		
County						
*You must be a registered voter at the home addre	ess provided on	this application.				
Mailing Address	City		Zip Code			
*Only if different from home address.						
Last 4 Digits of Social Security #	Sex	Date of Birth	/	_/		
Voter Registration #						
*Voter Registration Number may be obtained fro Commission.	om your Count	ty Voter Registration an	nd Election	Office or the State Election		
Telephone # ( )	E-n	nail				
[ ] By checking this box, I h	ereby certify	y that I can read an	d write th	ie English language.		

## **OATH OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of South Carolina, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been appointed and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State, and of the United States. So help me God.

	Sworn to and subscribed before me on		
Print Name	This day of, 20		
*Exactly as you wish to be commissioned.	Signature of Notary Public of South Carolina		
Signature of Applicant Date   *Exactly as you wish to be commissioned.	<i>Printed Name of Notary Public of South Carolina</i> My Commission Expires		

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Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §26-1-30, the fee for the issuance or renewal of a commission is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), collected by the Secretary of State.

#### Please indicate your filing fee payment method below:

# 1. [ ] Credit/Debit Card

\*You must provide both a valid e-mail address and a telephone number below. This may be different from the e-mail and telephone number that is listed on Page 2.

\*A link to a secured payment site will be e-mailed to you once the Secretary of State's Office receives your application from the county legislative delegation office for you to make your credit card payment.

\*DO NOT write your credit/debit card numbers on this application. Please note that a service fee of \$1.43 will be charged by SC.GOV when paying by credit/debit card.

E-mail Address:

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ -

## 2. [ ] Check

Check #\_\_\_\_\_

\*The Secretary of State's Office accepts personal checks, business checks, and/or cashier's/certified checks. "Starter" checks are not acceptable as the name, account and routing numbers must appear on the checks.

\*Checks must be currently dated, signed, and made payable to the "SC Secretary of State."

## 3. [ ] Money Order

#### Money Order #\_\_\_\_\_

\*Money orders must be currently dated and made payable to the "SC Secretary of State".

## 4. [ ] Cash

\*The Secretary of State's Office advises against placing cash in the mail as it cannot be traced. Therefore, the Secretary of State's Office cannot be held responsible for cash sent via the mail. Please place any cash payments in its own envelope when mailing it with your application. <u>Also, please note</u> <u>that some legislative delegation offices do not accept cash as payments. Please check with your</u> <u>county legislative delegation office first before using cash as payment for the application fee.</u>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If you select either option, #2 (Check), #3 (Money Order), or #4 (Cash), your payment method <u>must</u> be attached to and mailed along with your completed application.

\*To the Legislative Delegation: Please ensure that your current application endorsement method has been reported to the Secretary of State pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §26-1-25. For delegation office use only:

Date received

Check number

#### FOR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION USE ONLY:

\*This section <u>must be</u> completed by the Legislative Delegation in which you reside. The contact information for each office is located on Page 5.

2)

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Delegation, recommend the appointment of the aforementioned notary applicant.

\*Please complete at least one of the three options:

1)

Signature of Delegation Chair **OR** Secretary

Signature of Senator / Senate District #\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of House Member / House District #\_\_\_\_\_

3) Signatures of at least half of the present Legislative Delegates from applicant's county of residence:

# SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OFFICES

\*Please mail your completed notary public application to the Legislative Delegation Office of the county that you currently reside in.

Aiken County Delegation 1930 University Parkway Suite, 3600A Aiken, SC 29801 Phone (803) 642-1694

Anderson County Delegation P.O. Box 8002 Anderson, SC 29622 Phone (864) 260-4025

Beaufort County Delegation P.O. Box 1228 Beaufort, SC 29901 Phone (843) 255-2260

#### **Berkeley County Delegation**

P.O. Box 142, Suite 606 Columbia, SC 29202 Phone (803) 212-6024

**Charleston County Delegation** 

P.O. Box 190016 North Charleston, SC 29419 Phone (843) 740-5855

#### **Chester County Delegation**

104 McAliley Street P.O. Box 580 Chester, SC 29706 Phone (803) 581-0233

Chesterfield County Delegation 178 Mill Street Chesterfield, SC 29709 Phone (843) 623-5001

Clarendon County Delegation 7 North Brooks St. Manning, SC 29102 Phone (803) 212-6056

Colleton County Delegation P.O. Box 2103 Walterboro, SC 29488 Phone (843) 549-7586

Dillon County Delegation 240 Bermuda Road Dillon, SC 29536 Phone (843) 841-3679 Dorchester County Delegation 500 N. Main Street, Suite 2 Summerville, SC 29483 Phone (843) 832-0043

Edgefield County Delegation 1930 University Parkway, Suite 3600-A Aiken, SC 29801 Phone (803) 642-1694

Fairfield County Delegation Attn.: Rep. Annie McDaniel P.O. Box 11867, Suite 330 Blatt Building Columbia, SC 29201 Phone (803) 212-6789

Florence County Delegation P.O. Box 100547 Florence, SC 29502 Phone (843) 661-4662

Georgetown County Delegation P.O. Drawer 421270 Georgetown, SC 29442 Phone (843) 545-3029

Greenville County Delegation 301 University Ridge, Suite S-2200 Greenville, SC 29601 Phone (864) 467-7112

Greenwood County Delegation Attn.: Susan McIntyre 600 Monument Street, P-103 Greenwood, SC 29646 Phone (864) 942-8507

Hampton County Delegation P.O. Box 686 Hampton, SC 29924 Phone (803) 914-2142

Horry County Delegation P.O. Box 1236 Conway, SC 29528 Phone (843) 915-5130

Jasper County Delegation P.O. Box 2433 Ridgeland, SC 29936 Phone (843) 726-6019 Kershaw County Delegation P.O. Box 2133 Camden, SC 29020 Phone (803) 432-0858

Lancaster County Delegation 404 Blatt Building 1105 Pendleton Street Columbia, SC 29201 Phone (803) 734-9975

Laurens County Delegation c/o The Hon. Mark N. Willis 201 Quillen Avenue Fountain Inn, SC 29644 Phone (864) 230-0135

Lee County Delegation 1103 Little Street, Suite 2 Camden, SC 29020

Lexington County Delegation 605 West Main Street, Suite I Lexington, SC 29072 Phone (803) 785-8184

Marion County Delegation P.O. Box 1514 Marion, SC 29571 Phone (843) 423-8237

Marlboro County Delegation P.O. Box 65 Bennettsville, SC 29512

Oconee County Delegation 415 S. Pine Street Walhalla, SC 29691 Phone (864) 638-4237

Orangeburg County Delegation P.O. Box 9000 Orangeburg, SC 29116 Phone (803) 533-6106

Pickens County Delegation 201 S. Fifth St. West End Hall, Rm. 205 Easley, SC 29640 Phone (864) 850-7070

Richland County Delegation P.O. Box 192 Columbia, SC 29202 Phone (803) 576-1908 Saluda County Delegation 111 Law Range Street Saluda, SC 29138 Phone (864) 445-4500 Ext. #2209

Spartanburg County Delegation 366 N. Church Street, Rm. 1210 Spartanburg, SC 29303 Phone (864) 596-2529

Sumter County Delegation

c/o The Honorable J. David Weeks 35 South Sumter Street Sumter, SC 29150 Phone (803) 775-5856

> York County Delegation Attn.: Senator Wes Climer P.O. Box 142 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone (803) 212-6230

\*If your county is not listed, mail your completed application to:

SC House of Representatives P.O. Box 11867 Columbia, SC 29211 Phone (803) 734-2010