



Instructions for your application/bond form commission as a State of Illinois notary public.

Important: Please review the instructions while completing the Illinois notary public application/bond form.

- ❖ Applicants must submit the current state notary application form enclosed. “White out “corrections are not acceptable. All revisions should be crossed-out and initialed.
- ❖ You must be a resident of the State of Illinois or a resident of a qualifying bordering state. Illinois residents are commissioned in the county in which they reside. Out of state residents are commissioned in the county in which they are employed. (Indiana residents cannot apply.)
- ❖ The Secretary of State’s Index Department appoints all notary publics. Your official commission date is assigned by this office, not the insurance company or surety bonding company who has underwritten your surety bond.
- ❖ Each notary application must include a legible photocopy of your driver’s license or state identification card. Failure to provide a legible copy will result in rejection of your application. The driver’s license must be valid and not expired. If the front shows expired, the applicant must also submit a legible copy of the renewal sticker on the back of the license. The copy of the driver’s license must be issued from Illinois only (unless applying for a nonresident commission).
- ❖ The name and residential (home) address used on the application must match what appears on the driver’s license.
- ❖ If the home and work address are the same; the applicant must send a copy of a current utility bill displaying the address as proof.
- ❖ In the “Notarial Oath Section”, your name and Signature of Applicant must read exactly the same and be notarized by another current Illinois notary public along with a valid rubber stamp seal. You cannot notarize your own signature.
- ❖ In the “Notary Public Bond Section” please print your name on the first blank line. At the “X” at the bottom of the section, you must sign as Signature of Principal/Applicant. This office accepts only applications and surety bonds with an original signature. Your printed name and signatures must be exactly the same on all lines!
- ❖ The office of the County Clerk in the county where you reside or are employed will contact you upon receipt of your commission. Failure to register with the county will result in cancellation of your commission.

It is your responsibility to review the Illinois notary public handbook. Notary public appointments are public records and available to any interested person for examination and copying. If you have any questions or need additional assistance please contact us toll-free at (800) 366-8279 or email us at info@notarybonding.com.