## Instructions for Completing the Oklahoma Application for Notary Public Commission

#### **Filing Procedure:**

- 1. Print or type information clearly. Illegible applications or applications completed in pencil will be rejected.
- 2. Pay to the Secretary of State a filing fee of \$25.00 (new or expired commission) or \$20.00 (renewal commission). Make checks or money orders payable to the Secretary of State.
- 3. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Secretary of State

2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Room 101 Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4897

Questions should to be directed to the Notary Department at (405) 521-2516. Additional applications may be obtained from our website at <u>www.sos.ok.gov</u> or by calling (405) 521-3911.

#### **Instructions for Completing Application:**

**Name** - Type or print your name <u>exactly</u> as you will sign documents as a notary public. The typed or printed name must contain, at a minimum, your first name or initial and last name.

**Resident Address** – The street address, city, state, zip code and county of your residence must be provided. If you do not have a street address, a route number is acceptable. P. O. Boxes are <u>NOT</u> acceptable. If you have neither a street address nor route number, provide directions to your residence.

**Oklahoma Non-resident** - A notary public must either be a legal resident of Oklahoma or if a non-resident, be employed in this state. If you are <u>NOT</u> a resident of Oklahoma, the street address, city, zip code and county of your employment in Oklahoma must be provided. P. O. Boxes are <u>NOT</u> acceptable.

E-Mail Address – This address will be used to notify you when it's time to renew.

**Telephone Number** – Provide your daytime telephone number including area code.

**Prior Commission** – If you are currently or have previously been commissioned as a notary public, provide the expiration date of your last commission and your present commission number. If your name has changed since the last time your commission was issued, list your previous name. <u>A commission may not be renewed earlier than 6 weeks prior to the expiration date.</u>

Age Requirement - A notary public must be at least 18 years of age or older.

Citizen Requirement - A notary public must be a United States Citizen.

**Felony Conviction** – A felony conviction shall be grounds for removal of a person from the office of notary public. If you have been convicted of a felony you should not apply for appointment as an Oklahoma notary public.

**Signature** - Sign your name <u>exactly</u> as you will sign documents as a notary public. Your signature must be identical to the name provided in section 1 of the application.

#### **Additional Information:**

Your application for appointment as a notary public will be reviewed for completeness. Once the application is approved, your commission will be mailed to you along with a Notary Guide and a blank bond form containing both an oath of office and loyalty oath. Your commission will be valid for four years. If corrections are needed, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation. Upon receipt of your commission, a notary seal will need to be purchased and a \$1,000.00 surety bond obtained.

**Seal -** The seal may be an embosser seal or a rubber stamp. The commission expiration date and commission number may be a part of the seal/stamp. The notary seal must contain your name and the words <u>State of Oklahoma</u> and <u>Notary Public</u>. A seal may be purchased from any business that makes stamps and/or seals. The Oklahoma Secretary of State does not provide notary stamps or seals.

**Bond** - After the purchase of a notary seal or stamp, a \$1,000.00 surety bond will need to be obtained. The bond must be valid for the same four-year term as your commission. A bond may be purchased from any insurance agency or bonding company or you may use individual sureties. The completed surety bond, oath of office and loyalty oath are filed with the Secretary of State. The filing fee, payable to the Secretary of State, is \$10.00. Filing questions about the notary bond should be directed to the Secretary of State's office.

# OKLAHOMA APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

Fees:	Fees:		
New	\$25.00		
Renewal	\$20.00		
Expired	\$25.00		

### (Please read instructions before completing the form)

### Secretary of State, 2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Ste. 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4897

Name (type or print your name	E <b>EXACTLY</b> as you wil	l sign documents a	as a notary public)			
Resident Street Address						
Resident Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	County		
Are you a resident of Oklahon If a <b>non-resident</b> , list the stree		no yment in Oklahom	na:			
Employment Street Address (	non-residents only) (	City	Zip Code	County		
E-mail Address (optional)		Daytime Telephone (include area code)				
Have you ever been an Oklaho If "Yes", list the expiration Previous commission nar	on date of your present co	ommission & <u>com</u>				
Are you 18 years of age or old	er and a citizens of the U	Jnited States?	yesno	, ,		
Have you been convicted of a	felony?yes _	no				
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