

Superior Court of California County of Modoc

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March 13, 2020

Dear Modoc County Citizen:

The application period for the 2020/2021 Modoc County Grand Jury is now open. Attached are a Statement of Qualifications, a Civil Grand Jury Application, a Demographic Questionnaire, and a calendar of dates.

Although the County Grand Jury is an Independent Agency, the Judicial Council, chaired by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, is the constitutionally mandated body responsible for improving the administration of justice in California. The Judicial Council enacted a Rule of Court which requires that Modoc Superior Court collect demographic data about those citizens who are applying to serve on the Modoc County Grand Jury. Please complete the enclosed survey form and return it to the Office of the Jury Commissioner with your questionnaire.

Please return the completed questionnaire no later than **May 18, 2020** to:

Office of the Jury Commissioner
205 S. East Street
Alturas, CA 96101

Sincerely,

Rebekah Ingraham
Deputy Clerk

Enclosures

Yes

No

Have you ever been arrested and booked on any charge? If yes, please explain

Do you have any lawsuits and/or bankruptcy proceedings pending in the courts?

Are you now serving as an elected public official?

I possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language.

Note: All applicants for nomination as a member of the Modoc County Grand Jury are subject to a background investigation by the appropriate law enforcement agency relative to the statutory qualifications for service and any other information that may bear on the prospective applicant's ability and suitability as a Grand Juror.

Executed under penalty of perjury this _____ day of _____, _____, at
(month) (year)

_____, California.

Signature



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COUNTY OF MODOC**

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CIVIL GRAND JURY APPLICATION

This application is designed to assist the Judges of the Modoc County Superior Court in establishing a list of qualified nominees for the Grand Jury, which represents a cross-section of the community. Completion and submission of this application will constitute your consent to be nominated as a prospective member of the Modoc County Civil Grand Jury. **The information you provide will remain confidential.**

1. Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

3. Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

4. Email address: _____

5. California Drivers License or ID # _____

6. Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

7. Birth Place: _____

8. Years of Residence in Modoc County? _____

9. Do you have any relatives employed by the County of Modoc or any other public agency in Modoc County? _____ If yes, please list their names and agencies:

10. Are you a member of any civil, community, or charitable organizations? _____ If yes, please list the organizations, including positions held and dates.

11. Name of Spouse/Partner _____

12. Spouse/Partner's Occupation _____

13. Spouse/Partner's Employer _____

EDUCATION

14. Please circle the highest grade completed in school:

High School

College

Post Graduate

9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20

15. Please list, if applicable, any degrees held and colleges and universities attended.

HEALTH

16. Do you have any physical condition that will interfere with your ability to perform the tasks of a Grand Juror, if you are selected? If yes, please explain.

GRAND JURY SERVICE

17. Applicants selected to the Grand Jury can expect to contribute 20 to 25 hours a week in conducting Grand Jury business, although the time required can vary depending upon incoming investigations. If you are selected and are currently employed will your employer allow you the necessary time off? _____

18. If selected to serve as a Civil Grand Juror, will you be able to serve for the entire year?

19. If selected to serve as a Civil Grand Juror, will you, without reservation or qualification, support and uphold the Constitution and all laws of the United States and the State of California? _____

20. If selected to serve on the Grand Jury, do you have any obligations or plans that would keep you away from Grand Jury service for more than two consecutive weeks during the calendar year. If yes, please explain.

21. The selection and swearing in of the Modoc County Grand Jury will take place during the first week of July and your attendance is mandatory. Do you foresee a problem with this requirement? If yes, please explain.

22. Please briefly explain why you want to serve on the Civil Grand Jury and why you believe you are qualified to serve. If necessary, please attach an additional sheet.
(OPTIONAL QUESTION)

STATEMENT

I, _____, understand that my name may be placed in nomination to be considered for membership on the Grand Jury of Modoc County for the Fiscal Year of 2020/2021 and that if selected I will be required to attend the mandatory training scheduled for July 6-7, 2020 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

I am aware that such service could require that I be in attendance 20-25 hours per week. In this regard, I understand that as a grand juror I must be flexible and able to serve some evening and weekend hours, as well as working during normal business hours. I understand that it is essential that all Grand Jury members be in attendance at all meetings, and only the most pressing emergency or my illness would be reasons for absence. I declare, pursuant to Penal Code §896(a), that I will be available to serve during those required hours.

Each member of the Grand Jury shall be allowed the present per diem of \$15.00 for each full panel and committee meeting of the Grand Jury. Mileage expense is compensated at the rate payable to employees of the County of Modoc for each mile actually and necessarily traveled for purposes of said sessions or committee work.

I am aware that, if selected as a grand juror, I will be required to file the Fair Political Practices Commission's Form 700 (pursuant to Government Code Sections 81000-91014).

Now, therefore, I have read and understand the above, and I hereby state that I have no commitments which would prevent me from meeting the requirements for service on the Modoc County Grand Jury.

I recognize that my attendance will be expected and may be required by the Foreperson of the Grand Jury.

I therefore request that I be considered as a candidate for the Grand Jury of Modoc County for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Signature

Date

You may return your Completed Application to:

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DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CIVIL GRAND JURY APPLICANTS

The Superior Court of California, County of Modoc, is asking that all Civil Grand Jury applicants to complete this form in order to comply with California Rule of Court 10.625. This rule intends to facilitate the courts' continued efforts to achieve the goals stated in 10.50 of the Standards of Judicial Administration, which encourages court to employ various methods of soliciting prospective candidates to serve on regular grand juries that reflect a representative cross section of the community they serve. This rule is also intended to assist the courts in establishing a formal mechanism whereby they can monitor the extent to which they achieve the goal of seating representative regular grand juries. This information will be detached from your application and will be used for statistical purposes only. This information will have no effect upon your application.

Check one only:

Age

- 18-25
- 26-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 and over

Check one only:

Gender

- Male
- Female

Check all that apply:

Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other race or ethnicity
- Please state: _____
- Decline to answer

2020/2021 GRAND JURY SELECTION SCHEDULE
(Tentative – all dates subject to change)

May 18, 2020	Last day to accept applications from the public
June 1-5, 2020	Pre-Interviews and Nominations
Third week in June	Drawing of 2020/2021 Modoc County Grand Jury
July 6 and 7, 2020	Training of New Grand Jurors at the Modoc County Office of Education