



Wyoming Elk Application Guide

Step-by-Step Nonresident Application Walkthrough

Wyoming elk tags are point-based and highly coveted. This guide walks through the WGFD online application process for nonresident archery elk hunters. Deadlines typically fall in late January — do not miss them.

HUNTER INFORMATION

Your Name	_____	WGFD Username	_____
Party Lead Name	_____	Application Year	_____
Points Currently Held	_____	Points Target to Draw	_____

KEY DATES — WYOMING ELK

MILESTONE	TYPICAL WINDOW	YOUR DATE	NOTES
Application Opens	Early January		wgfd.wyo.gov
Application Deadline	February 1 (approx.)		Do NOT miss this
Draw Results Announced	Mid-to-Late May		Check email / portal
License Purchase Deadline	After draw results		Pay promptly
Archery Season Opens	Early September		Confirm year-specific dates

APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP

Step 1: Log In

Go to wgfd.wyo.gov and sign in to your WGFD account. Verify your personal information is accurate before proceeding.

Step 2: Find the Application

From the main page, locate the "Non-Resident Elk Application" and click Apply Now. You will be prompted to Accept and Continue twice.

Step 3: Residency

Select "No" when asked if you are a Wyoming resident. Click Continue.

Step 4: Party Application

Decide if you are the party LEAD or a MEMBER. If joining another hunter's party, enter the Party ID provided by the lead. Record your own Party ID here if you are the lead: _____



Step 5: Tag Type

Select "Non-Resident Full Price Elk" and click Apply. Work through subsequent prompts carefully.

Step 6: Unit Choices

You will enter first, second, and third choice hunt areas. Research your units on GoHunt or WGFD's draw odds tool before applying. First choice: _____ Second choice: _____ Third choice: _____

Step 7: Additional Permits

Select YES for the Conservation Stamp (~\$21) and YES for the Archery Permit (~\$72). Both are required for archery season.

Step 8: Donations & Review

Complete any required donation prompts. Review your entire application carefully before submitting.

Step 9: Payment & Receipt

Pay all application fees (nonresident elk tag ~\$700+). Screenshot or print your receipt immediately after submitting.

POINT SYSTEM EXPLAINED

Wyoming uses a modified preference point system. In a party application, all member points are averaged (with a random element added). General draw historically requires 4–6 points for most popular units.

POINTS HELD	APPROX. ODDS (GENERAL)	STRATEGY
0–1	Very low	Apply for bonus/leftover tags; build points
2–3	Low	Begin targeting easier or less pressured units
4–5	Moderate	Apply for primary unit choices with confidence
6+	Good to High	Draw most regions; target premium trophy units

UNIT RESEARCH NOTES

UNIT / REGION	OTC?	PUBLIC LAND %	BULL:COW	TERRAIN	MY NOTES
W Region	No	High	Varies	Mixed forest/alpine	
S Region	No	High	Varies	Sagebrush / timber	
E Region	No	Moderate	Varies	Plains / foothills	
(Custom unit)					

COST SUMMARY



ITEM	APPROX. COST	PAID?	DATE PAID
Elk Tag (Nonresident)	~\$700+		
Conservation Stamp	~\$21		
Archery Permit	~\$72		
Application / Processing Fee	Varies		
TOTAL ESTIMATED			

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