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Why do you hunt? Share your passion.

Did You Know...

The main reason someone hunts the first time is because a **friend or family member asked them to go**. Help keep hunting alive in Iowa and take someone hunting this fall.

It starts with an invitation. Learn more at...

[Let's Go Hunting >](#)

Check Out the Apprentice License

If you know someone who would like to try hunting and has not yet taken a hunter safety course, the Apprentice License could be a way for you to introduce him or her to the activity.

Here's what you need to know:

1. The Apprentice License costs \$30 for a resident (\$123 for nonresidents) and can be [purchased online or from any license](#)



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2. **It waives the need for a hunter education certificate.** Like the Youth Hunting License, the person must be under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter. For more details, visit the [DNR's Learn to Hunt web page and click on the tab for the Apprentice License.](#)

3. **It can be purchased up to two times** (for example, this year and next year) and then the person must go through [hunter education classes to purchase future hunting licenses.](#)

4. The Apprentice License is meant for people **over age 16.**

5. **Both residents and nonresidents** can purchase an Apprentice License. However, only residents can also purchase deer or turkey tags along with it.

6. **You can purchase the Apprentice License for another person.** You just need to know his/her social security number AND date of birth. OR if they have purchased a privilege in the past like a fishing license, their DNR ID number works (this can be found on their current license).

