



# Town of Surry, New Hampshire

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## RAFFLE APPLICATION / PERMIT

*Issued under the provisions of NH RSA 287-A*

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Representative / Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date(s) of Raffle(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location of Raffle(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a charitable organization as defined in RSA 287-A:1?**  Yes  No

**Is this application for one raffle or multiple?**  One  Multiple

- *One raffle: permit expires on the date of the drawing.*
- *Multiple raffles: permit expires one year from the date of issuance.*

Our organization requests that the Surry Select Board issue a Raffle Permit as described. As a representative of the applying organization, I certify that I have read the provisions of NH RSA 287-A and that they shall be adhered to.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Charitable Organization Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Application*

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### FOR SELECT BOARD USE ONLY

The Select Board authorizes this permit to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Select Board Member*

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*Date Authorized*

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*Select Board Member*

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*Date Authorized*

# RAFFLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

NH RSA Chapter 287-A

## Definitions *[RSA 287-A:1]*

"Raffle" means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

"Charitable organization" means:

- (a) Any person or entity determined by the IRS to be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended; or
- (b) Any other person or entity established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years; or any political committee or political party in existence for at least 2 years; or any person who employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation. 'Charitable organization' is not limited to organizations whose contributions are tax deductible under IRC §170.

## Raffle Authorized *[RSA 287-A:2]*

A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it was organized, in the manner provided in RSA 287-A, and not otherwise.

## Printed Ticket Requirements *[RSA 287-A:3]*

Except for raffles held without a permit under RSA 287-A:7, II, all raffle tickets shall be printed with:

1. The name of the charitable organization
2. The date and place of the drawing
3. The prize or prizes to be awarded
4. The amount of the donation

## Ticket Sales & Distribution *[RSA 287-A:4]*

Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over. Tickets shall be sold only by members of the charitable organization, or such persons designated by the organization, who shall receive no financial remuneration.

## Agency Not Permitted *[RSA 287-A:5]*

No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

## Effect on Other Laws *[RSA 287-A:6]*

RSA 647 (Gambling Offenses) shall not apply to the sale of raffle tickets conducted in compliance with RSA 287-A.

## Permit Required *[RSA 287-A:7]*

Except as provided below, any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle shall first obtain a permit from the selectmen or designee of the town where the drawing for prizes is to be held. The permit shall expire at the time of the drawing and shall not be transferable. At the request of the charitable organization to conduct more than one raffle, the governing body may extend the permit to one year from the date of issuance.

**Exception:** Any charitable organization may conduct a raffle without a permit provided that ticket sales, the drawing, and the award of prizes all occur within a single event not exceeding 12 hours in duration. Even under this exception, if tickets are printed, they must include the name of the organization, the date and place of the drawing, the prize or prizes to be awarded, and the amount of the donation (RSA 287-A:3)..