

Below (also accessible via the links below) is the answer to the question that came up regarding youths aged 15-17 participating in the youth turkey hunt. If the youth is 15-17, they have to have been through the program with a participating club (and have their certificate of completion) and, if they are hunting with a shotgun, would need to have an FID (not the case if hunting with a bow or some primitive firearms). They would be hunting with their own hunting license/tags, regardless if they were hunting alone or in the presence of an adult mentor. I hope this clears up any confusion. The information was fairly clear on our website, but I agree that it needs to be better addressed in our guide. Please forward this info along to the gentleman who had the question if he is not on this distribution list. Thank you.

Jason

## Who can participate?

Young women and men ages 12-17 who have successfully completed the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program are eligible to participate in the program.

If hunting with a shotgun, a Firearms Identification Card (FID) and hunting license are required for all young adults between the ages of 15-17. An FID Card is not required of 15-17 year olds who are hunting with archery equipment and most types of blackpowder guns and ammunition. Young adults 12-14 years of age do not need a hunting license or FID card.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/education-events/youth-turkey-hunt-program.html>

### Q. What license or permits do I need for the hunt?

A. If you are 12-14 years old, you will need to have in your possession your hunter education card, your youth turkey hunt permit and tags supplied by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW).

If you are 15-17 years old, you must have a current hunting license with turkey tags/permit, FID card, and youth turkey completion certificate on your turkey permit from DFW allowing you to hunt on the youth turkey hunt day.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/education-events/young-adult-turkey-hunt-faqs-for-youth-hunters.html>

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