

# Richland County Treatment Court Application Process

Fill out the attached the application and file it with your criminal case. If you are unrepresented, take the completed application to the Richland County Clerk of Court, located at 418 2nd Ave N # 16, Wahpeton, ND 58075 for filing.

If your application is approved by the Court, you must immediately contact the Treatment Court Coordinator, at 701-671-1537 to schedule an interview.

The application must be made within **30 days of your first appearance** in Court. There are no exceptions.

After the interview, the Treatment Court Team will consider your application. If you are accepted, you will be notified, and a notice will be placed in your court file.

## **Program Outline**

The Richland County Treatment Court is a court-supervised treatment-oriented program and targets non-violent participants whose major problems stem from substance abuse. The Treatment Court is a voluntary program, which includes regular court appearances before the Treatment Court Judge. Treatment includes drug testing, individual and group counseling, and regular attendance in community support groups, such as, (Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, SMART, etc.). The probation and the treatment team may also assist with obtaining education and skills assessments and will provide referrals for vocational training, education and/or job placement services. The program length, determined by the participant's progress, will be no less than 14 months. Successful completion from the Treatment Court Program may result in having the original charge(s) dismissed, reduction in sentence, or early termination from probation.

## **Application Requirements**

All participants must voluntarily make application to the Treatment Court. All candidates must apply for the program within **30** days from the first court appearance. Candidates may be accepted into the Treatment Court program after approval by the Treatment Court team and Order of the Court.

## **ENTRY CRITERIA**

### ***Controlled Substance Offenders***

1. Multiple prior misdemeanor or felony controlled substance offenses, and current offense is a class A misdemeanor or higher level offense;  
**OR**  
First felony involving a controlled substance offense with a history of substance abuse.
2. Candidates must demonstrate a willingness to accept responsibility for their criminal conduct and amenability to treatment;
3. Candidates must receive a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction evaluation and have a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction diagnosis;
4. Candidates who have previously participated in any adult Treatment Court program are not eligible; and
5. Candidates must live and work in Richland County or close enough to allow for effective probation supervision.

### ***DUI Offenders***

1. The offense must be a class A misdemeanor or higher level offense;
2. Candidates must demonstrate a willingness to accept responsibility for their criminal conduct and amenability to treatment;
3. Candidates must receive a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction evaluation and have a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction diagnosis;
4. Neither the current nor any prior DUI offense can have included injury to anyone other than the candidate;
5. Candidates who have previously participated in any adult Treatment Court program are not eligible; and
6. Candidates must live and work in Richland County or close enough to one of those cities to allow for effective probation supervision.

### ***Probation Revocation Defendants***

1. A probationer must make application by agreement or stipulation with the prosecuting attorney. The Application Agreement/Stipulation must be proposed to the Richland County State's attorney's office, located at 413 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N. Wahpeton, North Dakota 58075, within 30 days of the date on which a Petition for Revocation of Probation is signed by a judge.
2. Candidates must demonstrate a willingness to accept responsibility for their criminal conduct and amenability to treatment;
3. Candidates must receive a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction evaluation and have a chemical dependency/ chemical addiction diagnosis;
4. Candidates who have previously participated in any adult Treatment Court program are not eligible; and
5. Candidates must live and work in Richland County or close enough to one of those cities to allow for effective probation supervision.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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State of North Dakota,	)	
	)	Case Number: _____
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	<b>APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION</b>
v.	)	<b>IN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM</b>
	)	
	)	
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Defendant.	)	

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[¶ 1] I, \_\_\_\_\_, state under penalty of law, that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of offense), I was accused of/charged with the following offense(s) found within the Complaint, Information, or Citation:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

[¶ 2] I have not been involved in a motor vehicle collision that resulted in injury or death to another person while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

[¶ 3] I need substance abuse treatment and want to participate in the drug court program. I have read the entire contents of this document, understand everything in this document, and am willing to follow the requirement of the drug court program if I am admitted into the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Home/Cell phone numbers)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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(City)

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(State and Zip Code)