

Texas Lottery® Retailer Support

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Frequently Asked Questions – Winner Anonymity

Can Texas Lottery prize winners remain anonymous?

The 85th legislative regular session enacted HB 59 authorizing certain prize winners who win lottery prizes in the amount of \$1 million or more to choose to remain anonymous.

In addition, Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) Rule §401.324 governs the nondisclosure of personally identifiable information (Information that alone or in conjunction with other information identifies an individual: name, social security number, date of birth, or government-issued ID number such as driver's license or passport. It does not include the name of the prize winner's city or county of residence.) of certain lottery prize winners.

HB 59 and TLC Rule §401.324 apply to lottery winner claims submitted *on or after* January 1, 2018.

Who is Eligible to Remain Anonymous

- A natural person (individual) who is a winner of a lottery prize of \$1 million (non-annuity) or more;
- A natural person (individual) who is a beneficial interest owner of a legal entity winner of a lottery prize of \$1 million (non-annuity) or more.

The amount of a lottery prize is determined by the total amount paid in a single claim.

Limitations

- Winners must specify their choice on the appropriate TLC claim form when they claim their prize.
- If a winner chooses to receive periodic installment payments (annuity), the prohibition on releasing the winner's name lasts only until the 30th day after the person claims the lottery prize.
- Names of legal entity prize winners and authorized representatives (who are not beneficial owners) may be released by TLC at any time after making a claim for a lottery prize.

Required Identification for Claim Processing

- The choice to remain anonymous does not prohibit TLC from requiring government-issued identification, e.g., driver's license, social security card or passport, of winners for claim processing purposes. Claim Center procedures for required identification have not changed.



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4 Winner Claim Forms are Based on the Prize Amount and/or the Type of Claimant

Individual Claimants for \$1 million or more – must include Media Relations and Advertising Form

Legal Entities for \$1 million or more – must include Media Relations and Advertising Form

TEXAS LOTTERY WINNER CLAIM FORM
(For use by Individual Claimants for \$1 million or more)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLAIMANT

- Enter the information called for on the claim form in items 6 – 16, as appropriate. (NOTE: If a U.S. Citizen or a Resident Alien, a Social Security Number is required in order to receive a prize payment of \$25,000 and over.)
- Each ticket of \$50,000 or more must be claimed on a separate form. Multiple tickets totaling less than \$500,000 may be combined on one form.
- Prize greater than \$2,500,000.00 or that are paid out through annuities must be processed at the Texas Lottery Commission headquarters in Austin, Texas.
- You may claim a prize at any Lottery Claim Center in person or by mail. If mailing, staple your ticket(s) to the white copy(ies) of the claim form(s) and keep the pink copy(ies) for your records. Mail the white and yellow copies of the claim form(s) with the ticket(s) attached to: Texas Lottery Commission / ATTN: Austin Claim Center P.O. Box 19000 / Austin, TX 78761-9000 Phone: 800-375-6888

CLAIM CENTER INFORMATION

Claim Center Number	Claim Number
Claimant's Initials	Date Processed
ID Type / ID Match	ID Number / State
Proof of Social Security Number	Type of Proof
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SCRATCH TICKET

1. Ticket Number (Number shown on ticket)

2. Validation Number (Number from back of ticket)

DRAW GAME TICKET

3. Ticket Number (Number on back of ticket)

PRIZE AMOUNT

4. Total Prize Value of Claim \$

5. Number of Tickets (Included with Claim)

6. If the total prize amount paid is \$1 million or more, you may be eligible to remain anonymous in accordance with TEX.GOV.T Code § 466.411 and TAC § 401.324.1 elect to remain anonymous, if eligible: Yes No

7. Claimant Name (Last name)

8. Citizenship/Residency (For tax purposes only) U.S. Citizen / U.S. Resident Alien Yes No "If No," country of origin:

9. Social Security Number

10. Date of Birth

11. Mailing Address (Street name and street name or PO Box)

12. Country

13. Email

14. Home or Cell #

15. Work Phone #

16. I purchased the ticket It was given to me I found the ticket Other (explain)

17. If purchased, store name and city where ticket purchased

18. Date you received the ticket

REQUIRED INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Under penalty of law, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information entered above is correct and correctly identifies the person entitled to claim this prize. No other person is entitled to claim any part of this prize, and the recipient is not prohibited by law from purchasing a ticket or claiming, collecting or receiving a lottery prize or share of a prize. I understand it is a violation of law for any person to intentionally or knowingly claim or aid another in claiming a lottery prize, or a share of a prize, by means of fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, or to intentionally or knowingly aid or forge a ticket.

Claimant Signature (print match back of ticket) Date Claimant Initials for Check/Receipt received

Media Relations and Advertising Form

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TEXAS LOTTERY WINNER CLAIM FORM
(For use by Entities for \$1 million or more)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLAIMANT

- This claim form is to be used when the prize is to be claimed by a legal entity rather than an individual.
- If the prize is to be claimed by a legal entity then legal documentation must be presented, which includes the entity's language ID number and identity of the entity's officers and/or members acting on behalf of the entity. All documentation related to the entity will be reviewed and approved by the Legal Services Division prior to processing.
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7. Entity Name

8. Entity Type PARTNERSHIP U.S. non-U.S. CORPORATION U.S. non-U.S. TRUST U.S. non-U.S. LLC U.S. non-U.S. OTHER

9. Name & Title of Individual or Signatory Authority

10. Date of Creation of Entity (MM/DD/YYYY)

11. EIN

12. Mailing Address (Street name and street name or PO Box)

13. Country

14. Phone #

15. Purchased by Entity Member Donated Found Other (explain)

16. If purchased, store name and city where ticket purchased

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