

# MAINE SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS (MESARD)

## Application for Trainee Status

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) (State) (Zip) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SKILLS - Medical:** None \_\_\_\_\_ Basic First Aid \_\_\_\_\_ CPR \_\_\_\_\_ First Responder \_\_\_\_\_ EMT \_\_\_\_\_

Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_ WFR \_\_\_\_\_ WEMT \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Navigation:** None \_\_\_\_\_ Map & Compass Proficient \_\_\_\_\_ GPS Proficient \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Outdoor:** Hunter Safety \_\_\_\_\_ NOLS \_\_\_\_\_ Outward Bound \_\_\_\_\_ Maine Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SAR:** None \_\_\_\_\_ Certificates (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Water:** None \_\_\_\_\_ Canoe \_\_\_\_\_ Power Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Swift Water Rescue \_\_\_\_\_ Scuba \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Any other pertinent skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a puppy or dog you wish to train? \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Have you had experience training a dog in SAR or another discipline? \_\_\_\_\_

(explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog like to play with other dogs? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Will your employer allow you to leave work or be absent from work in order to respond to a search? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your family understand and support your commitment to search and rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to be absent from home for up to three days? \_\_\_\_\_

When it is appropriate for you to do so, would you be willing to respond to searches before your dog is certified? \_\_\_\_\_

MESARD trains formally as a group on one Sunday every month, at various locations around the state.

Will you prioritize your schedule to enable you to attend MESARD's monthly trainings? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to acquire, on your own, the required basic skills as outlined? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to train at least once a month with MESARD members outside of unit trainings? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now or have you ever been a member of any public safety organization? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now or have you ever been a member of another SAR unit? \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

SAR work requires adequate outdoor clothing and gear for all seasons and conditions, as well as specialized equipment such as GPS units and handheld radios. As volunteers, we acquire and pay for our own equipment and expenses, which can cost hundreds of dollars each year. Are you willing and able to acquire the proper clothing and equipment necessary to do search work? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal background investigations may be conducted at MESARD's discretion. Do you object to having one done on you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that trainings may be several hours' drive from your home? \_\_\_\_ Do you understand that you may be requested to a search many hours from home? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you understand that searches may continue for several days and you may be asked to remain on scene? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you are interested in becoming a search and rescue dog handler: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional information about you and/or your dog which would help us to better understand your interests, skills, and suitability for SAR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any medical condition that would prevent you from participating in strenuous physical activity (hiking under wilderness conditions) for up to eight hours at a time. If so, explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Tele. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the entire information packet provided by MESARD. I understand what would be expected of me as outlined in the MESARD Standards and I am committed to meet these expectations. I believe in the MESARD Code of Ethics. I will conduct myself in accordance with the MESARD Standing Operating Procedure. *I understand MESARD is under no obligation upon receipt of this application, the application fee is nonrefundable, and membership is not guaranteed. I further understand, that if I am granted trainee status, MESARD reserves the right to dismiss me at any time during that period.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(for use by MESARD only)*

Date app. received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date app. reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member's present: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee decision: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Applicant Notified: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Introductory Session 1 Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Introductory Session 2 Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainee Status: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Application Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Date Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_