



Maine Mounted Search and Rescue New Member Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer (Name/Phone): _____

Work or School Schedule: _____

Emergency Contact (Name/Phone): _____

Veterinarian If Applicable (Name/Phone): _____

Prospective applicants must read and understand MMSAR's Bylaws, located at www.mainemountedsar.org, before submitting an application. (Requests for further information can be directed to: info@mainemountedsar.org.)

Once you have done so, please fill out the following questionnaire and return it, along with the \$10 application fee (check or PayPal), to:

MMSAR, c/o Ashley Norman, PO Box 124, Bradford ME 04410.

- All applications are subject to preapproval.
- These annual dues are required upon approval of the application. Select one:
 - Mounted/Ground/Support (Full) Member: \$50 annual dues, or
 - Associate: \$15 annual dues
- Any/all expenses incurred prior to full certification are at the applicant's expense and not subject to reimbursement.

By signing this application:

I accept responsibility for myself (and my equine if applicable), and I accept liability for the actions of myself (and my equine if applicable), at all times.

I affirm that I have read and understand the above terms, as well as the MMSAR Bylaws, and hereby agree to abide by them.

I hereby ask to be accepted as a Member of Maine Mounted Search and Rescue (MMSAR).

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: _____

***ALL APPLICANTS* MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. **Are you able to be away from home/work on short notice if needed?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
2. **Do you have the financial means to fund travel to meetings, trainings, and searches, as well as purchase required equipment? (Expensive items such as GPS or radios are not required and may be supplied.)**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
3. **Are you comfortable camping away from public facilities?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
4. **Are you comfortable in unfamiliar areas with just one other person?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
5. **Are you comfortable around horses?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
6. **Do you think you would be self-sufficient at taking care of yourself and traveling / navigating to command posts and search areas?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
7. **Are you willing to commit to attending trainings such as map and compass, first aid, and (if applicable) various mounted trainings?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
8. **Are you aware of, and comfortable with, the fact that searches may involve searching for a victim long after they have disappeared and who may be deceased?**
 Yes | No | Not Sure
9. **Do you have any physical limitations that might prevent you from participating fully?**
 Yes | No | **If yes, please explain:**

10. **Please list any medical conditions your teammate(s) should know about (Asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.):** _____

11. **What do you feel are your administrative skills/strengths? Examples could include things like great computer skills, excellent organization and attention to detail, or lots of experience running meetings.** _____



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IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS AN *ASSOCIATE*:

1. **What roles do you see yourself offering to the unit? Select all that apply:**

Lend expertise in a particular field (accounting, legal, PR, etc) – please explain: _____

Assist with administrative functions such as paperwork or dispatching
 Provide logistics support during search or training operations
 Handle horses from the ground during search or training operations

2. **Why are you applying as an Associate, not as a Full Member?**

IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS A PROSPECTIVE *MOUNTED* MEMBER:

1. **Do you own the horse you plan to use in Search and Rescue?**

Yes | No | **If no, explain:** _____

2. **How many years have you owned or worked with horses?** _____

3. **How many years have you been riding?** _____

4. **Indicate your current level of riding ability:**

Beginner | Novice | Intermediate | Advanced

5. **What type of riding/riding activities do you do?** _____

6. **How often do you ride per month? _____ Typical riding hours? _____**

Are you able to ride for long periods of time (all day) if needed, at a walk?

Yes | No | Not Sure

Do you own, or have access to, a truck and horse trailer?

Yes | No | Not Sure

Are you willing to camp out with your horse?

Yes | No | Not Sure



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Do you have questions for us? Ask here!

Please feel free to explain or elaborate on any of the above answers in the space below.

Thank you for your interest!

If you applied as a Full Member, then once your application has been accepted and your dues have been received, you will be considered a preliminary member until you have attended 5 of the next 6 consecutive unit meetings/trainings. Then the Board of Directors will review your application and make a recommendation to the membership regarding your full membership. If the recommendation is to accept, then your full membership status will be voted on by the general membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

If you applied as an Associate, once you have attended one unit meeting or training the Board of Directors will review your application and make a recommendation to the membership regarding your status as an Associate.

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