

## NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in the NRA Instructor Training Program. The goal of this program is to develop instructors to teach NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses according to the lesson plans and training standards of the National Rifle Association. This program is **not** designed to prepare you to teach other firearm training courses (such as law enforcement, security, or hunter safety courses), nor to prepare you to develop firearms training courses of your own.

The NRA Instructor Training Course is designed to teach you **how to teach** others to shoot using NRA lesson plans and training methods. The course is **not** designed to improve your shooting skills. Possession of basic firearm safety and/or shooting skills is a prerequisite for certification as an NRA Instructor. You will be asked to demonstrate your firearm background through participation in pre-course assessment exercises.

A complete NRA Instructor Training Course consists of two parts. The first is basic instructor training, which consists of six hours of instruction. The second part is discipline-specific instructor training, which consists of an additional ten and a half to fourteen hours of instruction **per discipline** (except for home firearm safety, which has an additional five hours of instruction). For example, an NRA Instructor Training Course in rifle, pistol, and shotgun lasts at least 40 hours.

The pre-course assessment exercises are designed to ensure that candidates possess the necessary firearm background. Pre-course assessments normally consist of three parts: a discipline-specific written test to assess the candidates' knowledge (a passing grade of 90% is required), a practical exercise on unloading procedures to assess the candidates' gun handling skills and attitudes on safety, and live fire exercises to assess the candidates' shooting skills. (The Home Firearm Safety pre-course assessment consists of the unloading exercise only.) These pre-course assessment exercises will be conducted outside the context of any Instructor Candidate course.

At the beginning of the NRA Instructor Training Course, you will receive from your training counselor the *NRA Instructor's Guide* in a three-ring binder, the appropriate NRA Course Outlines and Lesson Plans for the disciplines you wish to teach, the appropriate NRA basic student handbook, and other materials used in NRA basic courses.

The NRA Training Counselor who conducts your course will make a recommendation to NRA concerning your certification based on an evaluation of your knowledge, skill, and attitude. You will be asked to demonstrate your organizational and teaching skills through participation in several practical exercises during the course of your training. You will also be asked to complete an instructor certification examination. A minimum score of 90 percent is required for certified instructor applicants (85 percent for assistant and apprentice instructor applicants). Attendance at the course, or a passing grade on the examination, does not guarantee that you will receive the recommendation of the NRA Training Counselor.

Instructor certification involves a commitment to conduct NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses on an annual basis in each discipline group (rifle, pistol, shotgun) in which you hold instructor ratings. NRA instructor ratings are valid for one year. Renewal of your certification will be contingent upon your annual activity in conducting NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses, and your participation in periodic re-certification activities.

I have read the description of the NRA Instructor Training Program on the previous page, understand its goals, and am interested in attending a course to prepare me to become an NRA Certified Instructor. **Please complete this document and submit it along with your registration application and requisite class fees.**

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

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Status (Annual, Life, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold ratings as an NRA Basic Firearms Training Instructor or NRA Shooting Coach? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which ratings do you hold?

Which instructor ratings are you interested in obtaining?

Why do you wish to become an NRA Certified Instructor?

Where do you plan to conduct the classroom and range portions of your NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses?

After giving you an endorsement for instructor certification, your NRA Training Counselor is responsible for placing you on an instructor team. As a member of this team, you will work with others in organizing and conducting NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses. Do you personally know any NRA Certified Instructors with whom you would be interested in working? If so, what are their names?

Briefly describe any previous teaching experience (shooting and non-shooting related).

Briefly describe your shooting experience with rifles, pistols, shotguns, muzzle loading firearms, and air guns. List the **types** of guns you have fired (e.g., bolt-action rifle, semi-automatic pistol), how long you have been shooting them, how often you shoot them, how many rounds you have fired in the past six months, and the types of activities in which you participate with these guns.