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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 firearm 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 may 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 6 hours of instruction. The second part is discipline-specific instructor training, which consists of an additional 5 to 14 hours of instruction *per discipline*. For example, an NRA Instructor Training Course in rifle, pistol, and shotgun lasts at least 40 hours.

During the NRA Instructor Training Course, you will receive from your Training Counselor the *NRA Trainer's Guide*, the appropriate NRA Instructor Candidate Packet which includes the course outlines and lesson plans for the disciplines you wish to teach, the appropriate NRA basic course student packet which includes the handbook, certificates, *NRA Gun Safety Rules* brochure 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, skills, 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). *However, 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.*

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Instructor certification is valid for one year upon initial certification. After completion of the first year, instructors may renew their instructor credentials for up to three years at a time. NRA encourages instructors to remain active and would like to see at least one basic course taught per year.

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I have read the description of the NRA Instructor Training Program on the previous pages, understand its goals, and am interested in attending a course to prepare me to become an NRA Certified Instructor.

Signature _____

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____ @ _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Today's Date _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Highest level of education completed _____

NRA Member? _____ Status (Annual, Life, etc.) _____

Do you currently hold ratings as an NRA Basic Firearm 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? _____

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

Briefly describe your shooting experience with rifles, pistols, shotguns, muzzleloading 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.
