



NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION and 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.

A complete NRA Instructor Training Course consists of two parts. The first is **Basic Instructor Training**, which consists of a minimum of six hours of instruction. The second part is **Discipline-Specific Instructor Training**, which consists of an additional eight to fourteen hours of instruction per discipline (except for Home Firearm Safety, which has an additional five hours of instruction). For example, an extended NRA Instructor Training Regimen addressing rifle, pistol and shotgun lasts at least 40 hours.

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. Upon completion of this first element of instruction, you will be given an assessment evaluation. Those that receive a satisfactory review will be invited to enroll in one of the disciplinary units: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun or Muzzleloading Rifle. As an instructor candidate, during the second part of the course, you will receive the appropriate NRA Course Outline and Lesson Plans for the discipline you wish to teach, the appropriate NRA basis 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 initially valid for one year. Renewal of your certification will be contingent upon your activity in conducting NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses, and your participation in periodic recertification activities.

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

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

BSA ID Number: _____ Unit Type: _____ Number: _____

BSA Leadership Role: _____

Are you a BSA Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselor? Rifle Shooting _____ Shotgun Shooting _____

NRA Membership Number: _____ Membership Status _____ (Annual, Life, etc.)

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Highest level of education completed _____

Do you currently hold ratings as an NRA Basic Firearm Training Instructor, NRA Shooting Coach or Range Safety Officer? _____ If yes, which ratings do you hold?

Which instructor ratings are you interested in obtaining? If more than one, show priority (1, 2, etc)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloading Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Firearm Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloading Shotgun | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Protection in the Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pistol | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloading Pistol | <input type="checkbox"/> Range Safety Officer |

Why do you wish to become an NRA Certified Instructor?

Where do you plan to conduct the classroom and range portions of any NRA Basic Firearm Training Course you organize and plan to teach?

Briefly describe any previous teaching experience (shooting and nonshooting 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, semiautomatic pistol, single or double action revolver), how long you have been shooting them; how often you shoot; how many rounds you have fired in the past six months; and the types of activities in which you participate with these guns.

After giving you an endorsement for instructor certification, your 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?

End of Questionnaire

To begin the application process, print the two page questionnaire form. Fill in all information requested. Details are important. Send the completed pre-course questionnaire to the address listed below at least 3 weeks before the date of the Basic Instructor Training course you would like to attend. You may use the US Mail, FAX or return a scanned copy by E-Mail. See the instruction below for payment of the nominal nonrefundable course fee.

Send completed Pre-Course Questionnaire and Application to:

Shooting Programs for Scouts
Theodore Naish Scout Reservation
1100 Martinek Lane
Kansas City, Kansas 66111

FAX (913) 441-6920
E-Mail linda.faucett@scouting.org

You must complete your reservation and tender payment of the Basic Instructor Training Course fee online through the Heart of America Council Website. From <HOAC-BSA.org>, you will find a drop down menu under “Programs” => “Activities” => “NRA Training”. Enrollment for the Basic Instructors Training Course is limited to the first 15 qualified applicants. Remember you must be a registered scouter and an experienced shooter. The Part I Basic Instructor Training Course is a Train-the-Trainer program that is an absolute prerequisite for enrollment in any of the Part II disciplinary courses addressing Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, Basic Pistol or Muzzleloading Rifles. The scheduled dates and locations for Part II segments are posted on the Shooting Sports Calendar. Do not register in a disciplinary course until you have completed the six hour Basic Instructor Training course.

The following link will transfer you to the [Shooting Sports Calendar](#) for a schedule of NRA Instructor Course Events with applicable dates and locations:

If you would like to have an evaluation of your experience and eligibility before completing your registration and paying the nonrefundable course fee, address a second copy of this questionnaire to the program coordinator at least 3 week prior to the scheduled course date. Other questions concerning the NRA Training Regimen may be directed to:

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