

National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA)

Principal Evaluator:

- ___ Provide documentation that states the applicant has been deployed as a field operative K-9 handler on at least ten (10) documented missions in each discipline for which they are applying as *Principal Evaluator* (i.e. deployment record)

- ___ Provide documentation that the applicant has served in a K-9 SAR Evaluator status in one of the following:
 - IPWDA, NAPWDA, NASAR, FEMA, USAR, or STATE certification
 - OR-
 - Evaluator documentation through a leading K-9 team that is recognized by the NSDA Evaluation Committee as an outstanding leader in K-9 training, testing, documentation and professionalism.

Apprentice Evaluator:

- ___ Provide documentation that states the applicant has been deployed as a field operative K-9 handler on at least five (5) documented missions in each discipline for which they are applying as *Apprentice Evaluator* (i.e. deployment record)

- ___ Provide documentation that the applicant certified their K-9 in the discipline for which he/she is applying. (i.e., certificate from certifying organization)

In addition to the established NSDA guidelines, qualified candidates must all agree to the following:

- A. Qualified Evaluators will be listed on the NSDA website with contact information.
- B. Evaluators will be re-evaluated every three (3) years as established by the NSDA guidelines.
- C. NSDA may retract any Evaluator’s appointment to administer evaluations if that Evaluator is found negligent of following NSDA Policies.
- D. Evaluations shall be conducted by a designated NSDA Principal Evaluator with the option of a second Evaluator or Apprentice Evaluator.
- E. Qualified Principal Evaluators will agree to mentor new Apprentice Evaluators.
- F. To ensure continued quality control and professionalism of NSDA Evaluators, all candidates (K-9 teams) tested by NSDA Evaluators will be asked to submit a “critique” of their evaluation experience as a part of the testing process. This critique shall be given to the certifying handler by the Principal Evaluator, done in private by the handler, placed in an envelope, sealed and forwarded unopened to the Testing Administrator. These will then be forwarded to the Evaluator Administrator for inclusion in the Evaluator’s personnel file.

Applicant shall complete the application and provide two (2) copies of all required documentation

NAME (Please PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____