

**NAFA – New Membership Application (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!)**



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Country & Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Falconry License # & State: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**(Voting Membership is restricted to past or present licensed falconers)**

Birth Date (Optional): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category: Please Check One**

- REGULAR** (18 years or older AND resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico – must be or have been a licensed falconer)
- ASSOCIATE** (12-17 years old OR non-resident of U.S., Canada or Mexico OR never legally practiced falconry)
- AFFILIATE** – Organizations ONLY

**Annual NAFA membership dues** (January 1 to December 31)

- \$45.00** per year (Publications Sent)
- \$29.00** per year (Publications online ONLY)
- \$65.00** (US) Foreign Membership if you would like Publications sent (Outside Canada, Mexico and the U.S.)

Please submit your dues payable to NAFA, in the form of a **US Check, Credit Card or Money Order (US funds)** with your application to:

**Membership Secretary  
Brandi Nickerson  
7828 Hood Street  
Ft. Worth, TX 76135**

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: (MC / Visa / Discover / AMX)

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Expires (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_ \_ (3 or 4 digits)

References (**required for U.S., Canada and Mexico applicants only**). References may be either one current, regular member of NAFA or two persons who know you in your local falconry or conservation club community.

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

Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Please provide a brief Bio about yourself and your involvement with falconry:**

**Your Membership Preferences:** (defaults highlighted)

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| When publishing membership information, should we publish your E-Mail address?        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| When publishing membership information, should we publish your Phone number?          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| When publishing membership information, should we publish your Mailing address?       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Would you like to receive e-mail communications from NAFA about the current business? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Would you like to receive printed copies of "Hawk Chalk" (3 per year)?                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Would you like to receive a printed copy of the "NAFA Journal" (annual)?              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Would you like to receive a printed copy of "NAFA Directory"?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

**\*Please note ONLINE members will not receive printed material**

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



## **NAFA Code of Ethics:**

**Regarding Bird Maintenance:** NAFA supports falconers in keeping, within regulatory entitlements, only those birds (both by species and numbers) that they can regularly fly at quarry. It is incumbent upon each falconer, in addition to meeting minimal standards required by regulation, to ensure that his/her birds are equipped, housed and maintained in the manner most conducive to their well-being. Each falconer is urged to take all available measures to minimize the possibility of loss of his birds and to make every effort to recover any bird lost. Each falconer, likewise, is expected to spare no effort in curing a sick raptor. He is expected to ensure that if a raptor is no longer desired, it is passed on to another qualified falconer able to fly it at wild quarry or returned to the wild with full capability of sustaining itself.

**Regarding Conformance to Falconry Laws and Regulations:** Each falconer is under a moral, as well as a legal obligation to observe the laws and regulations of our own or foreign Countries with regard to taking, import and export of raptors, taking of quarry and access to land.

**Regarding Conservation of Raptors:** The well-being of our native raptor populations is fundamental to the continued practice of falconry. Each falconer should endeavor to promote to the utmost the welfare and survival of those populations in their wild state in accordance with accepted precepts of use-management conservation. NAFA opposes the taking of haggards, i.e., the wild breeding populations except under exceptional circumstances (such as birds that would be destroyed due to depredation). NAFA urges that in taking eyas raptors, at least one young be left in the eyrie/nest unless again, exceptional circumstances prevail. NAFA opposes commercial traffic in wild-taken North American raptors.

**Regarding Exotics:** Based on extensive scientific scrutiny and historical evidence, NAFA supports the use of non-native (exotic) raptors - to include hybrids - in the practice of falconry in North America. Despite lack of scientific evidence of any threat to native avifauna, NAFA nonetheless counsels against any deliberate release into the wild of such raptors.

**Regarding Captive Breeding:** NAFA recognizes the importance of captive breeding as a significant source of birds for both falconry and release to the wild for restoration of wild populations. NAFA concurs in the commercial sale of captive-bred progeny to appropriately licensed and qualified recipients as a way to encourage the production of captive-bred birds so that they will be available for both purposes.

**Publicity:** Falconers are cautioned about the dangers of publicity. Those considering public representation are urged to consult NAFA's policy on publicity or NAFA's Publicity Committee. In general, the only two acceptable alternatives are the very highest quality presentation or no Publicity. With or without Publicity, application of discretion, moderation and common sense by all falconers will go a long way toward maintaining a favorable image of our sport.

NAFA was founded in 1961 as a non-profit fraternal organization to improve, aid and encourage competency in the practice of falconry among interested persons. More specifically, NAFA's purposes are:

- ✦ To provide communication among, and to disseminate information to, interested members.
- ✦ To promote scientific study of the raptorial species, their care, welfare and training.
- ✦ To promote conservation of the birds of prey and an appreciation of the value in nature and in wildlife conservation.
- ✦ To urge recognition of falconry as a legal field sport.
- ✦ To establish traditions, which will aid, perpetuate and further the welfare of falconry and the raptors it employs.

The development, improvement and defense of the legal status of falconry on our continent has been of increasing importance in NAFA's functions. Beginning with its successful campaign to add falconry to the list of legal means of taking migratory waterfowl in the U.S. in 1964, we have achieved a great deal for the benefit of all licensed falconers. As a result of NAFA members lobbying on the state level, with the direction of NAFA's Technical Advice Committee, the average extended season for falconry in the U.S. is now more than six months in length. NAFA accomplished much in retaining the use of captive-bred peregrine falcons in the sport of falconry. NAFA has filed a formal request with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to allow states to set special seasons for taking migratory waterfowl by means of falconry. On an ever-increasing basis, NAFA is representing falconry on state, national and international levels and is recognized the world over as the voice of the North American Falconer.

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

I have read, and agree to follow NAFA's "Code of Conduct" [ ] Yes [ ] No

