



## **2017 Blue-9 Working Dog Scholarship Program for the APDT Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show**

### **Policies**

#### **Purpose**

Blue-9 Working Dog Scholarship Program is intended to allow certified working dog handlers or certified instructors of working dog programs to attend the APDT Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show. The scholarship covers the registration fee for four full days at the conference and \$500 to help offset the costs of travel to attend the conference.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be a certified instructor of a professional working dog program, or the handler of a federal, state, national, or international certified K9 from the police, military, government agency, professional detection, or SAR field. Members of the APDT Board of Trustees and the APDT Foundation Board of Trustees are not eligible. The APDT Foundation will maintain a listing of all scholarship awardees.

#### **Funding Source**

The APDT Foundation thanks Blue-9 for their generous support of this scholarship program.

#### **Procedures**

Applicants will submit a completed application form by May 1, 2017. The scholarship recipient (and other applicants) will be notified by May 15, 2017. Applications are to be submitted to [info@apdtfoundation.org](mailto:info@apdtfoundation.org).

#### **Selection**

The APDT Foundation Scholarship Committee will use the scholarship application form to select the winning applicant. Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Content, completeness, and thoroughness of answers to application questions.
- Extent of participation and dedication to working dog activities, education, and mentorship.
- Evidence of certification and being a member of a working dog department, program, agency, or team.

The total score will be used to determine the award status. One scholarship is available in 2017. The APDT Foundation Scholarship Committee will notify the President of the Board of Directors



and the APDT Executive Office of scholarship recipient. The APDT Foundation will notify the scholarship recipient (and other applicants) in writing no later than May 15, 2017.

## **Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show Blue-9 Working Dog Scholarship Application, 2017**

### **Purpose**

To allow a certified instructor or a certified working dog handler to attend the 2017 APDT Annual Conference in Richmond, VA and to receive the educational and networking benefits of attendance.

### **Award**

The scholarship will cover the registration fee for four full days and \$500 to help offset the costs of travel to attend the conference. If the applicant is selected, he/she is not eligible to apply again for five years. One scholarship is available in 2017.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Must be a certified instructor of a working dog program, a handler of a certified working dog, or volunteer handler of a certified police, military, government agency, professional detection, or SAR K9. Members of the APDT Board of Trustees and the APDT Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible.

### **Conference**

The recipient will be expected to highlight his or her scholarship at the conference in one of several ways. Options include using social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.) to inform others about the conference, writing an article, or being interviewed for the APDT Chronicle of the Dog. The recipient may also write articles or be interviewed for local media and for publications such as a shelter or rescue newsletter or website.

### **Process**

Applicants must complete the application form attached, provide proof of certification, as well as submit two letters of reference from a director, supervisor, colleague, or team member. Submit all information to [info@apdtfoundation.org](mailto:info@apdtfoundation.org). Scholarship recipients will submit a biography and photo shortly after being notified that they have been awarded a scholarship; if you anticipate a department or agency conflict regarding this please contact us prior to applying.

Responses to questions 1-4 will be scored by the APDT Foundation Scholarship Review Committee using the following criteria:

- Content, completeness, and thoroughness of answers to application questions.
- Extent of participation and dedication to working dog activities, education, and mentorship.
- Evidence of certification and being a member of a working dog department, program, agency, or team.



## Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show Application Form

Blue-9 applicant number (for office use only): B9 \_\_\_\_\_

(To ensure objectivity, this page will NOT be forwarded to the Scholarship Review Committee.)

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

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Zip/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you a dog handler of military, police, or SAR Team?  Yes  No

Are you an instructor of a working dog program?  Yes  No

Name of your organization or team: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please provide a contact name, email address and phone number for the organization:

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Are you an APDT member? (*Membership is not required*)  Yes  No

If you are a professional working dog handler, list how many years you have been a certified K9 handler: \_\_\_\_\_



If you are a volunteer with a SAR team, briefly list your dog's certification, your involvement with your team, including approximate number of hours per week and total length of time (i.e. years) that you have been a volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

B9 \_\_\_\_\_

Your responses to the following four questions will be scored based on completeness and thoroughness as well as content. Each response is limited to 1,200 characters (about 200 words). You may use more space than given but remember the character limit. To facilitate objectivity please refrain from naming your department, branch, agency, team, location (city, e.g.), or anything else that might identify you.

**1. Briefly describe your experience as a K9 handler or instructor.**

**2. What community outreach programs does your department, agency, or team provide?**

**3. How will your attendance at the APDT Conference benefit your department, agency, or team? Describe at least three ways.**

**4. Which sessions and speakers in particular do you believe will be most helpful for you and your program and why?**

The following question will be used for background information and, possibly, as a tie-breaker (again, please delete any references that might identify you): What is your specific background in training or behavior, including relevant education and mentoring?

**Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2017**