

Las Animas County Search and Rescue

Minimum Requirements for Search and Rescue Applicants

1. Must be honest on the Las Animas County Search and Rescue application.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license.
4. Must have no felony convictions.
5. Must have no domestic violence convictions in the past 5 years.
6. Must have no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years.
7. Must be off any type of probation or parole for 3 years.
8. Must not have had any arrests in the past 3 years.
9. Must not have been incarcerated or held in a detention facility for 3 years.
10. Must not have a close relative incarcerated in the Las Animas County Detention Center.
11. All volunteers will have a full CCIC / NCIC background check performed.
12. Any criminal record should be reported to LACSAR command staff regardless of how long ago it occurred.
13. Must sign a confidentiality form.
14. Interview with Coordinators and volunteer supervisors.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

All personal information will be kept confidential unless express permission is granted. This information will ONLY be used by LACSAR personnel for official use.

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Phone: _____

Current Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Please answer all of the following:

Are you at least 18 years of age? Y N	Have you ever been a member of a SAR team before? Y N	Are you willing to put yourself in harm's way to help someone in need? Y N	Do you have reliable transportation to and from training events, ops, etc.? Y N	Will you allow LACSAR to provide your contact information to other members? Y N
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List any credentials, training or experience related to SAR that you may have:

1. Security Check Release: I hereby authorize Las Animas County Search and Rescue to conduct a security background check on me. I understand that this security check will cover information including, but not limited to, criminal history, education and employment. I hereby release Las Animas County and its elected officials, employees, agents and assigns from all liability resulting from the furnishing of this information to Las Animas County Search and Rescue.

2. Assumption of Risk: I am voluntarily participating in the activities of LACSAR with full knowledge of the risks and dangers involved and hereby agree to accept all risks of injury, death or damage to myself and/or my personal property, and will indemnify and hold LACSAR harmless for my own acts and omissions relating to the services I am voluntarily providing. I acknowledge that I am responsible for providing my own medical, liability, and auto insurance during my volunteer service.

3. Confidentiality: During my association with LACSAR and thereafter, I will keep confidential, refrain from disclosing to others, and use only in the performance of my volunteer duties, all confidential information of LACSAR that I develop or learn about during the course of my association. I understand that this covers all confidential business and technical information which is not generally known to persons outside of LACSAR, and which I have not been specifically authorized to disclose or use. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to, finances, donors, member information, subject information, and information received from others that LACSAR has agreed to keep confidential.

4. Compensation: I agree to provide my services without compensation. I agree that I am not, nor will I become, an employee, agent, contractor, or principal of LACSAR upon execution of this agreement.

5. Return of Equipment: Upon my separation from LACSAR for any reason, I will return, or accept financial responsibility for, any equipment or materials issued to me, including, but not limited to communication equipment, technical gear, uniform, keys, etc.

6. I have read this release and fully understand that I will relinquish all claims and actions now or in the future against Las Animas County and its elected officials, employees, agents and assigns including, but not limited to Las Animas County Sheriff's Office and Las Animas County Search and Rescue.

7. I acknowledge that this agreement will apply for the entire term of my association with LACSAR starting with the date I first performed volunteer duties for LACSAR, even if it predates this agreement, and will continue thereafter as is necessary to protect the interests and rights of LACSAR.

I certify that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that any false statements made herein could void my consideration as a LACSAR member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrative Use Only

Interview Date: _____

Background Check Completed: Y N

Drug Screening Completed: Y N

MVR: Y N

Probation End Date: _____

Suggested Position(s): Team Lead _____ Aid Station _____ Logistics _____ Motor _____ Admin. _____

Medic _____ Mounted _____ Tech _____ Aux. _____

Other: _____

Approved by: _____

You don't have to throw on a pack and wander around the woods to save someone's life.

Las Animas County Search and Rescue is an all volunteer organization that never charges for its services. Our financial operation depends on grants and donations, and much of the training, gear and equipment we utilize is provided by the volunteers themselves. The purpose of this questionnaire is to pool our resources in order to provide the most efficient services possible to the people of Las Animas County and the surrounding area. If you have any of the following equipment, experience, or other resources, and are willing to use it for SAR activities, please check all that apply.

Gear / Equipment

- Vehicles / Transportation
- ATVs
- Off-road vehicles
- Horses / Mules
- Rock climbing / High angle rescue equipment
- Generators / Power equipment
- Drones
- Backpacking / Survival gear
- Snowmobiles
- Snowshoes or Cross country skis
- Gear sleds
- Swift / Cold water rescue equipment
- Diving equipment
- Boats
- Trail clearing tools (axe, chainsaw, Pulaski, etc.)
- Light airplane
- Communication equipment (HAM radio, repeater, etc.)
- Mobile transfer tanks (fuel and water)
- A good pair of boots

Experience

- First Responder (LE, Fire, EMT)
- Military
- Medical (Nurse, Doctor)
- SAR
- Austere medical
- Wildland firefighting*
- Clandestine drug interdiction*
- CDL / Transportation
- Backcountry 4x4
- Backcountry ATV
- Backcountry horseback
- Backcountry snowmobile
- Rock Climbing / High angle rescue
- Camping / hiking / backpacking
- Backcountry survival
- Snowshoeing / Cross country skiing
- Swift / Cold water rescue
- Diving
- Radio communications
- Backcountry orienteering
- Public relations
- Logistics
- Forestry
- Auto / Small engine mechanics
- I don't have experience in any of these areas, but I'm excited to learn!

Other Resources / Skills

- I'm awesome at bake sales / fundraising
- I own a local business, and would love to donate funds, goods or services
- I enjoy operating informational booths at local events
- Everyone will enjoy my hot food at staging areas
- I always find the best deals when shopping online
- If there's a government grant to be won, I'm the one that will win it.
- I am a mental health professional or religious leader that is willing to offer support to SAR members when they've had a bad day.
- I know people who know people...

* LACSAR will not be directly involved, but experience and training in these areas will be invaluable.