

# The Academy FOR DOG TRAINERS

## 2019 Scholarship Application Form

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**\*\*Scholarship Applications will only be accepted from 6/1 to 6/15/19\*\***

Instructions: save this file onto your computer. Fill in all required information and when complete, email this file to [casey@academyfordogtrainers.com](mailto:casey@academyfordogtrainers.com) along with the supplemental materials described at the end of the application. You will receive an email notifying you of our receipt of your materials.

### 1. Your contact details

Name

Address

City

State or province

Postal code

Country

Telephone number

Email

## 2. Dog handling and wrangling experience (check all that apply)

Worked professionally as a pet dog trainer

Worked professionally in a related field (walker, groomer, veterinarian, vet-tech)

Competed in dog sports (obedience, rally, conformation, agility, flyball, tracking)

Worked in a shelter directly with dogs

Volunteered in a shelter and worked directly with dogs

Volunteered (interned, apprenticed) in one of the other areas above

Other:

## 3. Teaching, training and working with people (check all that apply)

Taught

Worked with the public

Counseled or coached

Other:

## 4. Expand upon question 3

**Do you like working with people? What do you most enjoy? What do you find challenging and how do you deal with those challenges?**

5. How many dogs live with you?

6. Tell us about your current and past dogs (ages, breeds/mixes)

7. What training or behavior modification have you done with your dogs?

8. Your computer skills

The Academy program requires you to be able to navigate and use common websites such as Facebook, YouTube, DropBox and Vimeo, stream video in common formats such as Flash, download and upload files, and research topics on the Internet using search engines. Are you able to do this?

## 9. Your goals

What do you most want out of your Academy experience? These might include knowledge areas, skills, career aspirations, certification, networking, support and/or other(s).

## 10. Your approach and philosophies

What are the most important qualities a pet dog trainer needs to work well with clients?

What personal qualities do you feel you have that make you well suited to this challenging profession? How much time do you think you will devote to study each week?

## 11. Your education

Please list relevant courses, seminars, workshops, or classes you have taken, as well as books you have read in detail.

12. What is the highest level of formal education you have achieved?  
e.g. Degree, diploma, certificate, etc.

13. Personal essay #1

We've all had the experience of holding an entrenched or strong opinion and then changing it, sometimes as a result of gradual reflection, persuasive arguments made by others, epiphany or a combination of factors. Describe a time when you changed your view about something. How did it come about and how did it change you? Your experience can be about any subject (not necessarily dogs).

14. Your shelter or rescue organization

**Name of Organization**

**Supervisor's Name and Title**

**Your Position**

**Street Address**

**City**

**State/ZIP**

**Country**

**Email**

**Phone Number**

**Website**

16. Why does this particular organization receive your time and energy?

17. What do you want to achieve for this organization with your Academy education?

## 18. Additional volunteer work

**Please describe any additional volunteer work with animal-related organizations, shelters, rescues, clubs, etc. Include a brief description of your role and responsibilities with each.**

## 19. Related employment history

**Please list your related employment history with dates (pet industry as well as teaching, coaching, counseling or client service experience). Include a very brief description of your role and responsibilities in each job.**

## 20. Personal essay #2

**Dog behavior professionals who work in shelters and rescues are on the front lines in the battle against pet overpopulation and homelessness. Please describe what motivates you to continue working in a shelter or rescue environment and how you cope with the stress in these environments.**

## 21. Supplemental materials

I will include a Letter of Reference from an individual who can comment on my academic and professional potential. *Preferred file format is PDF.*

I am the director of my organization, so I have included a second Letter of Reference from my Board Chair that speaks to my capacity to undertake a rigorous academic two-year program and how the Board will support my efforts. *Preferred file format is PDF.*

The link to my 60-second video clip that addresses the points in the Scholarship Guide is:

I have requested my shelter or rescue organization to complete an Endorsement Form (submitted separately).

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**Thank you for completing the Academy's 2019 Scholarship Application Form! We will notify applicants of their status by July 8, 2019.**

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