



Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Vest Recipient Application

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION THROUGH THE APPLICATION PORTAL AT WWW.VIK9S.ORG/PORTAL.

The mission of VIK9s is to raise awareness and funds to donate bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to K9s of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The 501c(3) MA based organization, provides the vests at no cost to the eligible agencies.

K9's must be a minimum of 20 months of age. Vest awards are given on a first come, first served basis as funds become available and are embroidered with 1 of 7 standard sentiments. This application does not guarantee that a K9 vest will be awarded. To be considered for this equipment grant, all applicants must agree to all of the following terms and conditions and provide all required information.

RECIPIENT PARTICIPATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Complete and submit a vest sizing form via email PDF or JPG (see attached).
2. Provide copy of K9's current certification, if not required in your state, provide a pass/fail exam or up-to-date training records.
** Submitter attests that any electronic signatures on document(s) submitted with this application are an authentic and genuine representation of the certifier's handwritten signature.*
3. Provide a one paragraph biography for each applicant team including certifications, K9's age, abilities, likes and dislikes.
4. Provide **TWO, HIGH QUALITY, in focus, close up, clear digital photos in good lighting** of each K9 applicant (one off-duty and one on-duty), with or without the handler, and attach in JPG or PNG format, via email. Photos may be made public.
5. Submit a local press release at each of the following times: **(1) IMMEDIATELY upon notification of vest award & (2) UPON RECEIPT of the awarded vest(s)** (approx. 10 weeks post order), to at least one of the following media outlets: local, non-subscription newspaper(s) or public social media page or post. A template along with instructions, is provided by VIK9s to the PIO or other media contact listed below when the application is approved. It must appear, in its entirety, as defined in its instructions. Additional coverage via social media, print, radio, television, etc. is appreciated. VIK9s reserves the right to issue an independent press release in relation to grant awards. A sample of a published award is available via vik9s.org or Facebook.
6. In the event the covered K9 is no longer actively employed by your agency, passes away or the program becomes disbanded, and there is no immediate need, the vest is to be returned to VIK9s (at the agency's expense) to outfit another K9 in need.
7. **Submit all required forms and information via the application upload portal at www.vik9s.org/portal.**
Questions: Call (508) 824-6978. To be considered for this equipment grant, all fields on this form must be completed, agreed to, and submitted by an authorized party. The submission must also include the required supporting information, documents, and photos for each team.

List the Handler & K9 team(s) in the space below. Limit 10 K9s per application.

Police Officer Briar Adams

K9 Gwiazda

Authorized Signer: listed below, provides permission via signature, to Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. to utilize the submitted biography and photos for fundraising activities through social media, our website and third party fundraising promotions. Permission to use, publish and reproduce comments and testimonials received from the law enforcement agency or other related grant recipient on behalf of his/her K9 partner including name, K9s name, department, city and state for promotion, advertising or any other purpose is granted to Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Printed Name: James T. Smith

Authorized Signature: _____

PRINTED NAME OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER - Handler Cannot Sign

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date: 02/13/2024

Authorized Signer Title: Chief of Police

Cell # (required): _____

Email: James.Smith@lawtonok.gov

Dept.: Lawton Police Department

State: OK

PIO*/Internal Media Contact: Christopher Blessing

Title: PIO

Direct Phone: (580) 917-1746

Email: christopher.blessing@lawtonok.gov

* If department does not have internal media relations or policy prohibits the distribution of press releases, list contact alternate outside PR/Media will distribute the vest award press releases to the media on behalf of the department.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CANCELLATION/RETURN POLICY: Cancellation or return only accepted for the following reasons: K9 and/or handler no longer employed by agency, on permanent medical leave or becomes deceased, or K9 unit disbands.

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