



Vested Interest in K9s – K9 Vest Application Form

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION THROUGH THE APPLICATION PORTAL:
AT WWW.VIK9S.ORG/PORTAL (no other means of submission is available)**

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. (VIK9s) is a 501(c)(3) organization providing K9 bullet- and stab-protective vests, essential equipment, and other assistance to law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. All vests are donated at no cost to eligible agencies.

K9 must be at least 20 months old. Vest awards are given on a first-come, first-served basis as funds become available through donations. Each vest is embroidered with one of seven available sentiments chosen by the donor. This application does not guarantee a K9 vest award.

VEST APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Application Form: All fields on this form must be completed, agreed to, and submitted by an authorized party, known as the Authorized Signer. Only a superior to the handler can serve as the Authorized Signer. By completing and signing this form, the Authorized Signer, on behalf of his/her agency, agrees to all Terms & Conditions (see below). The Authorized Signer must provide a signature and verifiable cell phone number.

***Please Note: the K9 handler may serve as the Public Information Officer (PIO). If the agency does not have an internal media person or is prohibited from distributing a press release, provide an alternate contact that you will distribute the press release to below.**

2. The Sizing Form: complete and submit as a fillable PDF or JPG file (see attached).

3. Certification: Provide proof of certification in a recognized discipline naming both the handler and the K9. It must be current from within the previous 12 months (unless otherwise stated). If not required by your state, submit a copy of your most recent pass/fail exam or latest up-to-date training record. *The submitter attests that the certifying agency approves of the use of the certifier's electronic signature.

4. Biography: Provide a one-paragraph biography for each applicant team (a template is provided). To be accepted, the biography must contain all of the following components: a) K9's name and age; b) K9's certification(s); c) name of handler (if allowed); d) name and location of agency; e) K9's off-duty likes and dislikes. Other K9 pertinent information is welcomed.

5. Provide two high-quality digital photos of your K9 (one on-duty and one off-duty). These photos must be taken up close and be in focus, in good lighting, and with pleasant backgrounds. Handler may be in the photos. **K9 cannot be wearing any equipment EXCEPT a leash, badge, and/or collar.**

PARTICIPATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Two separate press releases are required; one IMMEDIATELY upon notification of the vest award and one IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of the awarded vest(s) approximately ten weeks after vest order. A template with instructions is provided to the handler and serving PIO. It must appear in its entirety as defined by the accompanying instructions. VIK9s reserves the right to issue an independent press release regarding grant awards. Samples of published press releases are available at www.vik9s.org or www.facebook.com/vik9s.

2. Vest cancellations or returns can only be accepted if; 1) the K9, unfortunately, passes away or is no longer active at your agency; or 2) the agency's K9 program is disbanded; or 3) another vest product is being used instead. Vest returns to VIK9s are at the agency's expense within 45 days of any of these status changes. The agency will assume financial responsibility for any lost or stolen vest and reimburse VIK9s for vest replacement cost within 45 days of proof of delivery.

3. By signing below, the Authorized Signer gives permission to VIK9s for the following: a) the use of any and all submitted application components for fundraising activities through our website, social media, and third-party fundraising promotions; b) to use, publish, and reproduce comments/testimonials from the agency and/or grant recipient on behalf of his/her K9 partner, including handler (if allowed), K9's name, agency, city, and state for promotion, advertising, or other purpose.

List each handler/K9 team in the space below, limited to 10 K9s per form. Successful submission through the portal is based on agency's IT email space capacity.

Print Name: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Authorized Signer (NOT HANDLER)

Original Signature Required

Date: _____ Authorized Signer Rank/Title: _____ REQUIRED CELL# _____

Email: _____ Agency: _____ State: _____

PIO/Media Contact: _____ Rank/Title: _____

Direct Phone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____



Questions: Call (508) 824-6978

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