



**North Alabama Sonar
Search and Rescue
Volunteer Membership Application**

SECTION I – Basic Information

Full name (legal): _____

Preferred name / nickname: _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

Sex: Male Female Other _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Primary phone: (_____) _____ - _____ – Type: Mobile Home
 Work

Alternate phone: (_____) _____ - _____ – Type: Mobile Home
 Work

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____



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SECTION II – Eligibility / Driving / ID

Driver's License # (state): _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

TWRA-issued Boating Safety Certification Card or "V" device Yes No

Do you have reliable transportation to training/events? Yes No

Are you legally authorized to work/volunteer in the U.S.? Yes No

Social Security Number for background check: _____

SECTION III – Skills, Certifications & Experience

Have you volunteered or worked with a SAR agency before? Yes No

If yes, organization(s) and role(s): _____

Water / boating experience (years / notes): _____

Certifications (check & list issuing agency + expiration):

CPR _____ Exp: ____/____ First Aid _____ Exp: ____/____

Swiftwater / Rescue Diver / Boat Operator / Sonar Tech / Other: _____

Professional / technical skills:



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SECTION IV – Availability & Commitment

I can commit to: On-call Weekend Weeknights Weekdays Specific hours: _____

How many hours per month can you commit? _____

Are there physical limitations or medical conditions that may affect your duties?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:



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SECTION V – Background & References

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, explain (date, disposition):

References – Provide three (3) who can speak to your character/experience (not family):

1) Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____

2) Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____

3) Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____



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SECTION VI – Authorizations & Consents

I authorize NASSR to contact my references and perform a background check.

Initials: _____

SECTION VII – Liability Waiver & Volunteer Agreement

1. Assumption of Risk – I understand that volunteer activities involve inherent risks.
2. Release of Liability – I release NASSR and its members from any liability. See Release of Liability Description page.
3. Medical Treatment – I consent to emergency treatment and accept responsibility for costs.
4. Compliance – I agree to follow NASSR safety rules and directions.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

SECTION VIII – Photo / Video Release

I grant permission to NASSR to use my likeness in photographs and media for training and public relations.

Agree Decline

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____



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SECTION XI – Submission Checklist

Attach copies of:

- Driver's license
- CPR/First Aid certs
- ICS 100, 200, 700, 800
- Other certifications

Printed name:

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____



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Release of Liability Description Page

Thank you for volunteering or participating with North Alabama Sonar Search and Rescue (NASSAR).

Because our work involves physical activity and outdoor operations, we ask everyone to read and sign a Release of Liability form.

This page explains — in plain language — what that form means.

1. Why You're Signing It

The Release of Liability protects both you and the organization by clearly stating that:

- You understand the possible risks involved in search and rescue operations.
 - You are choosing to participate voluntarily.
 - You agree not to hold NASSAR, its members, or sponsors legally responsible if you get hurt or experience property damage.
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2. What Risks You're Accepting



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When you participate, you might encounter:

- Water hazards (rivers, lakes, ponds)
- Weather conditions (heat, cold, storms)
- Physical exertion or fatigue
- Equipment use (boats, sonar, diving, etc.)
- Environmental hazards (slippery surfaces, wildlife, debris)

These are normal risks that come with search and rescue operations.

3. What You're Agreeing To

By signing, you agree to:

- Take personal responsibility for your own safety and actions.
 - Release and hold harmless NASSAR, its officers, and volunteers from legal claims or damages.
 - Allow reasonable emergency medical care if needed.
 - Permit NASSAR to use photos or video of you for training or public awareness.
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4. What It Does *Not* Do

The form does not mean NASSAR can act carelessly or ignore safety.

All members are still expected to follow training, safety rules, and best practices.

It simply means you understand and accept the normal risks that come with rescue work.

5. Your Signature Means:

“I understand the risks, I’m participating voluntarily, and I agree not to hold North Alabama Sonar Search and Rescue responsible for injuries or damages that may occur.”