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APPLICATION
State of Idaho
Department of Fish and Game

Sport Falconry Permits and Upgrades

Application Process: To get started, simply mark the appropriate transaction type(s) you are requesting (see below) and complete all required sections of the application as they apply to the permit transaction(s) you are requesting. In each section of the application you will find references to important prerequisites that must be met to successfully complete your application process. You must be complete with your information, as all requested information must be provided. Incomplete applications will be returned for completion before any processing will occur.

All applications must be submitted to your nearest Department of Fish and Game (Department) regional office with a check or money order payable to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for the amount required for the permit transaction(s) you are requesting. Applications will not be processed without remittance of required permit fees. Most permit applications can be processed through the mail after required prerequisites have been met. When a permit transaction requires a facility inspection, a Department representative will contact you to coordinate a convenient time to complete the inspection.

If you have any difficulty completing the application or have any additional questions, please contact your nearest Department regional office for assistance.

Type of Permit(s) or Transactions Requested: *Mark appropriate permit(s) or permit class upgrade you are requesting by placing an X on the appropriate line and under the appropriate column. Multiple transactions may be processed on one application form.*

Permit Type	New Resident			Fee	Applicant Instructions
	New	Renewal	Transfer of Classification		
Apprentice	_____	_____	_____	\$29	Complete sections I and II
General	_____	_____	_____	\$29	Complete section I
Master	_____	_____	_____	\$29	Complete section I
Eagle	_____	_____	_____	\$1.75	Complete sections I and IV
Temporary	_____	_____	_____	\$1.75	Complete sections I and V
Upgrade:	_____	_____	_____	No fee	Complete sections I and III

From: _____ Classification To: _____ Classification

Permit Expiration:

Apprentice, General and Master Falconry Permits expire three (3) years from date of issue.

Classification Upgrades expire when the falconry permit being upgraded is already scheduled to expire.

Eagle Falconry Permit Validations expire when the Master Falconry Permit being validated is already scheduled to expire.

Nonresident Temporary Permits expire in the amount of days requested up to a maximum of 120 consecutive days or at the end of the calendar year. Temporary permits may be re-issued for additional days at the discretion of the Department on a case-by-case basis.

General Regulation Information:

Permit Required: All raptors classified under the Families Falconidae, Strigidae and Accipitridae are regulated by Idaho law, to include exotics and hybrids thereof. No person may possess raptors without possessing a valid falconry permit of the appropriate class or type.

Age Requirements: Falconry may be practiced by any person that is 12 years of age or older. General class falconers must be at least 16 years of age, and master class falconers must have a minimum of five (5) years experience at the general class level. Falconry permit applicants that are under 18 years of age are required to have the approval of a parent or legal guardian to practice falconry.

New Residents to Idaho and Transfers of Previously Held Falconry Permit Classification: Falconers licensed/permitted in other states, territories or countries that possess raptors and *decide to reside in the state of Idaho*, must purchase an Idaho Falconry Permit within 30 days. Idaho falconry permits may be obtained by submitting an application, required fee(s) and supporting documentation in the form of other state, territory or country permits that support the issuance of the permit class being requested. Applicants possessing nonresident state, territory or country permits that have been expired for more than five (5) years will be required to pass the state falconry exam. *Once an Idaho falconry permit(s) is issued (not to include Temporary Falconry Permits), permits previously held in other states, territories, or countries must be surrendered and become void.*

Temporary Visitors to Idaho Possessing or Importing Raptors: Falconers possessing valid falconry licenses/permits issued in other states, territories or countries may lawfully import and/or possess raptors on a temporary basis for up to 30 days without having to purchase any additional form of Idaho permit, *with one exception*. Falconers importing raptors from another country must first obtain an Idaho Wildlife Import Permit by making application to:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Health Lab
16569 S. 10th Avenue
Caldwell, ID 83607
(208) 454-7646

Once an Idaho Wildlife Import Permit has been approved, falconers from other countries must also comply with U.S. Customs and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife import requirements prior to entering the United States.

Nonresident falconers having a need to remain in Idaho for more than 30 days, with no intention of becoming state residents, may purchase a Temporary Falconry Permit. Temporary Falconry Permits allow nonresidents to lawfully possess, transport and house raptors that are authorized under the class of falconry permit held in their resident state, territory or country. A nonresident hunting license and other required permits/validations are required to fly/hunt raptors on wildlife. Temporary possession of raptors for more than 120 days requires raptor housing in facilities that have been inspected and approved by a Department representative. Temporary Falconry Permits may be requested by submitting an application along with required prerequisite documents (*See Section V of application.*)

Inspection of Facilities and Equipment: Facilities and required equipment, in compliance with state and federal regulations, must be inspected and approved by a Department representative any time an applicant is applying for his/her first or initial state falconry permit, there is a change of facility location to a new address, or a nonresident falconer possesses a raptor under a Temporary Falconry Permit for more than 120 days.

Permit renewals, eagle validations and permit classification upgrades do not require a mandatory facility-equipment inspection; however, inspections may be required at the discretion of any issuing Department representative. If your application requires an inspection, your facilities must be ready to house raptors and you must be prepared to produce an adequate weighing scale/balance, leash, swivel, bath container, jesses or the materials to make them.

Applicants intending to house raptors at another person's address/property, must submit a signed and dated letter from the property owner or lessee stating that he/she authorizes Department inspections of the facilities and raptors at any reasonable time of day with the property owner or applicant present. Birds will not be handled or individually inspected without the permit holder present.

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Sponsor Information:

Name: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____
City State Zip

Contact Phones: Home: _____ Cell or Work: _____
(Include area code(s))

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

State Falconry Permit Number: _____ **Classification:** _____

Federal Regulation Review: *Apprentice applicants **must read and certify** the following federal declaration by signature.*

I certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations in title 50, part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of chapter 1 of title 50, and that the information I have submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Apprentice Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SECTION III

Permit Classification Upgrades:

General Information: Upgrades of permit classification may be requested by residents and new residents when the below prerequisites have been met. New residents may request an upgrade at the same time they are purchasing their first Idaho falconry permit if they qualify for an upgrade at the time of permit purchase. Upgrades can be requested by submitting the application to your nearest Department regional office with required supporting documentation (see prerequisites below). Permit classification upgrades will be processed with no fee required.

A. Upgrade from Apprentice to General:

Prerequisites: Apprentices requesting an upgrade to general falconer classification must:

- (1.) Provide documentation of being at least 16 years of age by submitting a copy of a birth certificate, driver's license or school records, and applicants less than 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian sign the application in Section I;

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- (2.) Provide documentation of possessing an apprentice class falconry permit for at least two (2) years by submitting a copy of their current and/or past permits;
- (3.) Submit copies of past USFWS 3-186A transactions verifying raptor possession for at least a four (4) month period in each calendar year.
- (4.) Provide a letter of certification from a general or master class falconer (preferably the sponsor) documenting apprentice applicant's experience maintaining falconry raptors, including a summary of what species of raptors were possessed and how long they were possessed. Sponsors must attest that the applicant possessed raptors for at least two (2) years, including mention of maintaining, training, flying, and hunting raptors for at least four (4) months in each calendar year.

Apprentice Permit History: *Record information pertaining to your first or initial apprentice falconry permit, regardless of what state, territory or country it was issued in.*

Issuing State/Territory/Country: _____ **Permit Number:** _____

Issue Date: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Sponsor History:

1. Sponsor Name: _____ **Permit Number and Class:** _____

Address: _____

<i>City</i>	<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Country</i>
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Contact Phones: Home: _____ Cell or Work: _____
(Include area code(s))

Dates Sponsored: From: _____ To: _____ Total Months: _____

2. Sponsor Name: _____ **Permit Number and Class:** _____

Address: _____

<i>City</i>	<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Country</i>
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Contact Phones: Home: _____ Cell or Work: _____
(Include area code(s))

Dates Sponsored: From: _____ To: _____ Total Months: _____

** If your apprenticeship was served under more than two (2) sponsors please attach the above required information on an attached document.*

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Raptor History: Record the species and dates raptors were possessed under your apprentice permit supported by attached/included copies of USFWS 3-186A transaction forms.

Species: _____	From: _____	To: _____	Total Months: _____
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Species: _____	From: _____	To: _____	Total Months: _____

B. Upgrade from General to Master:

Prerequisites: General class falconers requesting an upgrade to master falconer classification must:

- (1.) Provide documentation of possessing a General Class Falconry Permit for at least five (5) years by submitting a copy of their current and/or past permits;
- (2.) Submit a signed and dated letter attesting that they have practiced falconry at the general falconry level for at least five (5) years outlining what species of raptors were possessed and for what periods of time;
- (3.) Submit copies of past USFWS 3-186A transactions verifying raptor possession for at least a four (4) month period in each calendar year.

Raptor History: Record the species and dates raptors were possessed under your general permit supported by attached/included copies of USFWS 3-186A transaction forms.

Species: _____	From: _____	To: _____	Total Months: _____
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SECTION IV

Eagle Falconry Permits:

General Information: Eagle Falconry Permits are only available to falconers possessing a Master Falconry Permit. Eagle Falconry Permits authorize the holder to capture and possess certain eagle species as authorized by state and federal regulations. Eagle Falconry Permits may be requested by submitting the application to your nearest Department regional office with the required fee and supporting documentation (see prerequisites below). Final decisions to issue Eagle Falconry Permits will be at Department discretion based on a review and assessment of applicant qualifications.

Prerequisites: Applicants requesting an Eagle Falconry Permit must:

- (1.) Provide documentation of possessing a Master Class Falconry Permit by submitting a copy of their current permit;

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(2.) Submit a signed and dated letter certifying their experience handling large raptors (eagles, ferruginous hawks, goshawks or great horned owls), to include the species handled/possessed and the type and duration of the activities in which experience has been gained;

(3.) Submit at least two (2) signed and dated letters of reference from people with experience handling or flying large raptors. Each reference letter must contain a concise history of the letter-author's experience with large raptors, which can include, but is not limited to, handling of large raptors held in zoos, rehabilitation, or scientific studies. Each letter must also assess the applicant's ability to care for and fly eagles in falconry;

(4.) Submit copies of past USFWS 3-186A transactions verifying possession of large raptors (eagles, ferruginous hawks, goshawks or great horned owls.)

Reference Information: Record the following information for the persons submitting reference letters on your behalf.

(1.) Name: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____

City State/Territory Zip Country

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
(Include area code) (Optional)

(2.) Name: _____
First MII Last

Address: _____

City State/Territory Zip Country

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
(Include area code) (Optional)

Large Raptor History: Record the species of large raptors (eagles, ferruginous hawks, goshawks or great horned owls) you possess or have possessed, supported by attached/included copies of USFWS 3-186A transaction forms.

Species: _____	From: _____	To: _____	Total Months: _____
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SECTION V

Temporary Falconry Permits:

General Information: Temporary Falconry Permits are available to nonresident/visitor falconers possessing a valid falconry permit from another state, territory or country who want to possess raptors in Idaho. Temporary Falconry Permits are intended for falconers who have a need to remain in Idaho for more than 30 days with no intention of becoming state residents. Temporary Falconry Permits may be requested by submitting this application to the nearest Department regional office with the required fee and supporting documentation (see prerequisites below).

Prerequisites: U.S. resident applicants requesting a Temporary Falconry Permit must:

- (1.) Submit a copy of their current/valid Falconry Permit issued from their home/resident state or territory;
- (2.) Submit a copy of their state or territory issued driver's license or other state issued photo identification if a non-driver;
- (3.) Submit documentation in the form of official regulations, official permit stipulations printed on existing permits, or a letter (on agency letterhead) from their home/resident state or territorial wildlife agency showing what species of raptors and numbers may be lawfully possessed.

Prerequisites: Applicants "visiting" from other countries requesting a Temporary Falconry Permit must:

- (1.) Submit a copy of a current/valid Falconry Permit issued from their home/resident country, state or province;
- (2.) Submit a copy of a country, state or province issued photo identification card such as a driver's license or passport;
- (3.) Submit documentation in the form of official regulations, official permit stipulations printed on existing permit(s), or a letter (on agency letterhead) from their home/resident country, state or provincial wildlife agency showing what species of raptors and numbers may be lawfully possessed;
- (4.) Submit copies of their U.S. Customs and USFWS Wildlife Import Permit(s);
- (5.) Submit a copy of their Idaho Wildlife Import Permit;
- (6.) Pass the state falconry examination with a minimum score of 80%, administered at the issuing Department regional office.

Temporary Address and Contact Information: If different from General Applicant Information in Section I.

Name: _____
First MI Last

Temporary Idaho Address: _____
(Physical)

City Zip

Contact Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____
(Include area code(s))

Email Address: _____

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Reason for Requesting a Temporary Falconry Permit: *Describe the reason you wish to possess raptors for a period greater than 30 days without establishing state residency, how and where you intend to care for your birds (if not in an inspected and approved facility), and how long you are requesting to possess your bird(s) on a temporary basis.*

End of Application