APPLICATION FOR PERMIT(S) TO ENGAGE IN FALCONRY

INFORMATION

In order to engage in the sport of falconry in Rhode Island, permits are required. As
used herein, “Engage” means to capture, house, train, breed, and/or hunt using birds
from the order *Falconiformes* or the order *Strigiformes*. For falconry in Rhode Island,
current regulations prohibit the use of Peregrine falcons (*Falco pregrinus*), the American
Bald Eagle (*Haliacetus leucocephalus*), or the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*).

As these migratory species used for falconry are highly regulated, and as the State is
entrusted with the care and stewardship of these animals, a regulatory program which
includes testing, permitting, facilities inspections, and data collection is necessary. A
program of mentorship and education trains new falconers in the proper capture, care
and training of birds in order to experience a successful hunt, hopefully ending with a
healthy bird ready for release back into the wild.

Separate applications/permits may be needed to 1) become a falconer, to upgrade to a
higher class of falconer, or to renew an expired falconer’s permit, 2) to capture a bird for
training/hunting purposes, and/or 3) for propagation. Permits expire annually on the last
day in February.

Propagators (“breeders”) must comply with Chapter 20-17 of the General Laws of
Rhode Island, 50 CFR 21.27 through 21.30 and must submit copies of reports of
activities to the DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife at the same time that Federal reports
are required.

Permits will not be issued until all information is furnished, including any required
reports from previous years. Reports, on state provided forms, are due on or before
March 15th each year.

As of this date a federal US Fish & Wildlife Service falconry permit is required prior to
Rhode Island issuing a *Permit to Capture*. Further, for Non-resident applicants, a *Permit
to Capture* will not be issued without proof that the applicant is permitted to import live
birds into the state where the bird(s) will be housed, or that said permit is not required.

Rhode Island residents must provide a copy of a current Resident hunting license, and
all other licenses or permits as my be required for the respective hunting season before
a capture permit is issued. Intermittent inspections of “mews” (housing facilities) may be
performed by DEM Fish & Wildlife staff on a random basis.

Non-residents who intend to hunt with their bird(s) in Rhode Island must have a valid
State issued Falconry Permit which meets Federal Falconry standards listed in 50 CFR
21.29(k), and must also obtain a Rhode Island issued Non-resident hunting license, and
all other licenses or permits as my be required for the respective hunting season. Non-
resident falconers are then permitted to engage in falconry but are limited to 30
consecutive days each calendar year.

The information contained herein is by no means exhaustive. Additional Federal and
State Regulations apply.
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ALL APPLICANTS:

1. Name ___________________________ D.O.B. _________ Phone __________
2. Address __________________________ Email address ______________________

3. Do you currently possess any raptors? [select one] □ Yes □ No
   If yes, identify individuals by species, sex, and federal marker numbers including those held in authorized captive propagation programs: (Provide copies of Federal Form 3-186A)

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Complete this section for a PERMIT RENEWAL (Provide previous permit information.)

Permitting State: _____ Type/Class _____ Permit Number: _____

Federal: Type/Class _____ Permit Number: _____

Complete this section for a PERMIT TO CAPTURE

Please include copies of your current State Issued Permit, Federal Fish & Wildlife Permit, and if required by your state, a Permit to Import Live Birds, or other proof of permission to import live birds.

1. Location where bird(s) are to be housed, if different than above:
   Address: ____________________________
   Phone number(s): ______________________

2. Brief description of need for capture permit: ____________________________

3. Date(s) and location(s) of requested activity: ____________________________

4. List raptors obtained during the previous twelve months and the disposition of the bird(s): ____________________________
Complete this section for a **NEW RHODE ISLAND FALCONER’S permit** or to **UPGRADE** an **existing RHODE ISLAND FALCONER’S permit** *(Note: It is not necessary to complete this section for a permit Renewal, or for Non-residents seeking a Capture permit only.)*

For a New Permit, or to Upgrade to a higher class, select permit type being applied for:

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1. Do you hold a federal falconry license/permit, or a falconry license/permit from any state?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [x] No

   If yes, provide a copy(ies) and answer the following:
   - Permitting State: ____  Type/Class ____  Permit Number: ____
   - Federal: Type/Class ____  Permit Number: ____

2. Location where bird(s) are to be housed, if different than above:
   - Address: ________________________________
   - Phone number(s): __________________________

3. List affiliations with any local, state, or national falconry association.

   __________________________________________________________

4. List 3 or 4 publications about falconry that you have studied.

   __________________________________________________________

5. Briefly describe your previous falconry experience.

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I do hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all statements contained in this application are true and correct. Furthermore, I also affirm that I am familiar with all pertinent laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to the practice of falconry in Rhode Island, and that I will comply with same.

__________________________  __________________________
Signature of Applicant      Date

__________________________  __________________________
Signature of Parent or Guardian  Date

*(required if Applicant is under 18 years of age)*

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