

# FAQ: FALCONRY

## RESIDENT

### 1. How do I apply for a Falconry license?

To apply for a falconry license, you must fill out and complete the Kansas Falconry application packet. You can request an application packet by contacting Sarah Navarro, the Falconry Administrator, by email at [sarah.navarro@ks.gov](mailto:sarah.navarro@ks.gov) or by phone at 620-672-0797. Once you complete the application and secure a sponsor, you will send the completed packet and fees to Sarah Navarro at the Pratt Operations Office. After review and eligibility determination, you will then be contacted to establish the best date and time to schedule your falconry exam. The KDWP office closest to your location will be contacted for scheduling your exam, and a letter will be mailed to you, and to the office where you will be taking the test. Your exam will be mailed to the KDWP location. Once you have completed the exam, the KDWP office will mail it back to the Pratt office for grading. Once graded, you will be notified of the results. If you pass, a facility inspection request will be made to your local game warden. You and your local game warden will receive a letter to initiate the inspection. The inspection will be mailed back to the Pratt Office by the game warden. Once your facility inspection has been received, you will be issued your Kansas Falconry Permit.

### 2. How much does the Falconry license cost?

There are two fees associated with the falconry license. When applying for a falconry license, you will send in two separate checks with your application packet. One check must be made out for \$50.00; this is for the falconry exam. The second check is for the falconry permit and will need to be made out for \$75.00. The \$50.00 check will not be processed until the exam is scheduled. The \$75.00 check will not be processed until the license is to be issued.

Alternatively, you may pay by card using the Credit Card Authorization form found in the application packet.

### 3. How long is my Kansas Falconry license good for?

Falconry licenses are good for three years. If you have been issued a falconry license, the expiration date is listed on your license.

### 4. How much does it cost to renew my Falconry license?

The cost to renew your falconry license is \$75.00.

### 5. What is the renewal process?

In October of any given year, renewal reminders and applications are mailed out; if it is your time to renew, you will receive your renewal letter and application in the mail. You will need to complete the application and submit it with a check for \$75.00 or Credit Card Authorization Form before December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

### 6. I want to upgrade my falconry classification, what do I need to do?

Please contact Sarah to determine eligibility as well as for requirements for each class.

# FAQ: FALCONRY

**7. Do you have any study materials for the exam?**

Aside from the recommendations listed in the falconry application packet, it is best to reach out to your sponsor regarding study materials. You can also reach out to the Kansas Hawking Club for additional information or support.

**8. Can a Controlled Shooting Area utilize falconers to hunt; for example, offering falconry as a hunting option on a CSA?**

Yes. A raptor used in falconry is considered their “equipment” or “weapon”; those hunting with raptors must have a Kansas Falconry permit and KDWP hunting license.

**9. Can a falconer open a Controlled Shooting Area for other falconers?**

A falconer must go through the application process of obtaining a license to operate a CSA first. A falconer may operate a CSA and charge other falconers to use their CSA, only if those falconers utilizing the CSA have a Kansas Falconry permit license or a Falconry permit license from their state (if from out of state). The falconer must follow all CSA rules and regulations. Anyone hunting on the CSA, falconer or otherwise, must have a hunting license or a CSA hunting license.

**10. Can someone hire/pay a falconer to have a ‘falconry hunt’?**

Yes, if it is being used as a conservation education program. No other permit is needed. A falconer cannot have others hunt with raptors if they do not have a falconry permit license. The raptor must be used primarily for falconry. The presentation shall address falconry and conservation education (biology, ecological roles, conservation needs, etc...) but does not need to cover all topics. **The fee charged may not exceed the amount required to recoup the falconer’s cost for presenting the program.**

## NON-RESIDENT: TRAPPING

**1. What do I need to do to get a falconry trapping permit?**

You must go online and download the application on our agency’s website. You can also obtain it by email via request. Complete and sign the application and email it to [sarah.navarro@ks.gov](mailto:sarah.navarro@ks.gov) along with a copy of your state’s falconry license.

**2. How long will it take to be issued the non-resident Falconry Trapping Permit?**

Once Sarah receives your email containing the application and falconry license, she can approve and process your permit within 5 business days; however, you must allow up to 30 days for processing. The permit will then be mailed to you along with a Wild Raptor Acquisition Report card that must be filled out and mailed back, whether you are successful or not.

# FAQ: FALCONRY

**3. Do I need to purchase a non-resident hunting license before trapping?**

Yes, you will need to purchase a non-resident hunting license before any falconry trapping activity.

**4. Do I have to return the yellow Wild Raptor Acquisition Report card even if I do not capture a raptor?**

Yes, even if unsuccessful, you are required to return the completed card. This card has pre-paid postage, and ready to be mailed back once completed.