2021 VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) Eligibility Worksheet

Please mail in all your paperwork without staples, in a large envelope (without folding). This allows me to process the applications faster, and notify you sooner as well!!

**STEP 1**: Is your coverage area a **RURAL** area with less than 10,000 population?

☐ YES: Go to Step 2

☐ No: If more than 10,000 population, is part of the coverage a rural area? Is so, indicate that population # on the application. Also, include a letter that has a brief description of that area. Remember, the VFA program is targeted to **rural areas**.

   ☐ YES: Go to Step 2

   ☐ No: Application does **NOT** qualify

**STEP 2**: Do you have at least **75%** of the fire department made up of volunteers??

☐ YES: Go to Step 3

☐ No: Application does **NOT** qualify

**STEP 3**: Did you include VFA Forms A, B, C, **AND** the W-9 (completed **and** signed)?

☐ YES: Go to Step 4

☐ No: Complete, sign, and included all forms before going to Step 4

**STEP 4**: Are the items you requested for wildland firefighting, and **NOT** for structural firefighting?

☐ YES: Go to Step 5

☐ No: Will **NOT** be funded. VFA Grant is intended for wildland firefighting!

**STEP 5**: Do you understand that only items from the “Eligible Items for VFA Grant” sheet, or Brush Truck Specs Sheet, may be purchased. Any other items will have to be pre-approved to be considered eligible. This will be very limited, and approved on a case by case basis.

☐ YES: Go to Step 6

☐ No: Reconsider items being requested. Contact office if in question.

**STEP 6**: Have you emailed or enclosed shapefile or copy of fire district/service area.

☐ YES: Go to Step 6

☐ No: You will need to do this in order to be eligible to apply!

**STEP 7**: Do you understand that once you submit your application, you **CANNOT** make any changes with notifying me in writing?

☐ YES: Great, thanks!!

**Note**: if at any time while completing the VFA application, you have any question, please call Leslie Woodham at (803) 896-8809. Thanks.

It is highly recommend using Certified Mail/Return Receipt. This can be used if an application comes in after the deadline.