NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA) GUNSMITHING AND ARMORER SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of $300 scholarships are available through the NRA for the NRA Gunsmithing and Armorer Schools. At Murray State College this money can be used to cover registration fees, room or tools and supplies needed for the class. If you are a member of the NRA and wish to apply, please answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper and return it with your completed registration form.

1. What is your NRA member number?
2. Have you ever attended an NRA Gunsmithing or Armorer school before?
3. Are you currently working as a gunsmith? If so, in what capacity (are you a stock maker, an engraver, a custom rifle maker, a metal finisher, general repair, etc.)?
4. Are you a Law Enforcement or Correctional Armorer? If yes, how long have you been an armorer?
5. Are you an active competitive shooter? If so, what “games” do you participate in?
6. Please list a summary of education completed since high school.
7. In a short paragraph, please relate your interests in gunsmithing, goals you might have, and explain briefly why you feel you should receive a scholarship

Mail completed registration form and fees to:

NRA Gunsmithing Schools
Murray State College
One Murray Campus
Tishomingo, OK 73460

Cancellation Policy

NRA Gunsmithing and Law Enforcement Armorer School registrants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
1. Enrollment and fees must be received 30 days prior to the first day of class for each course unless other arrangements have been made.

2. There will be no refunds given unless class is canceled by the Gunsmithing Department.

3. Classes that are canceled due to low enrollments or inclement weather will be refunded 100%

For additional information contact: Chad Mercer, NRA Coordinator, (580) 387-7482, cmercer@mscok.edu

Elaine Reese, NRA Co-Coordinator (580) 387-7480, sreese@mscok.edu
Murray State College, in cooperation with the National Rifle Association, began offering gunsmithing and law enforcement armorer schools in the summer of 1994. All the *L.E.A.S. courses are *CLEET approved. The school offers courses in repair & function of rifles, auto pistols, revolvers, and shotguns. Other classes include bluing, re-barreling, alternative finishes, stock repair and refinishing, and more. All classes range from four days to two weeks. Each class will run Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm daily. You may only choose one class per week/up to six classes for the length of the program.

*“This class has been accredited by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training for 40 hours of mandatory continuing education credit. Regarding any law enforcement concepts, practices, methods, techniques, products, or devices as might be taught, promoted, or otherwise espoused in outside schools or seminars, there is no intent, expressed or implied, that ‘accreditation’ indicates or in any way conveys ‘CLEET approval’ of such concepts, practices, methods, techniques, products, or devices, unless such approval is explicitly stated by CLEET.”

HOUSING

**Local housing:** May be arranged through the Western Inn, (Reservations: 580-371-2358) or Tishomingo Inn, (Reservations: 580-371-9400). Both are located in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Mention you are attending the NRA school at MSC for special rate. There are also a large number of motels in a thirty mile radius of Tishomingo. Camping sites in Tishomingo are Camp Bond, Pennington Creek, and Blue River. Cities and towns within this area include: Madill, Kingston, Ardmore and Durant.

**Campus Housing:** Students considering renting dorm rooms must register directly with Campus Housing Department. Please contact Campus Housing for Dorm Registration at 580-387-7133 or 580-387-7135

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE

Murray State College (MSC) is a public, comprehensive two-year college established as a junior college in 1924. A highly qualified faculty provides the instruction for meeting the requirements of the academic and technical/occupational programs.

Tishomingo is a fisherman's paradise, surrounded by fresh running rivers, creeks and streams. Also nearby is Lake Texoma, which is one of the largest man-made lakes in the world where striper fishing has become a favorite pastime along with camping and water sports. Wildlife in the area is abundant with deer, geese, and duck at the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge located just south of the college. Tishomingo is about 100 miles north of Dallas/Ft. Worth area of Texas and 100 miles south of Oklahoma City.

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE GUNSMITHING PROGRAM

The two-year gunsmithing program provides training in custom gunsmithing and gun repair, and develops the basic knowledge and skills needed to become a professional gunsmith. The program requires completion of course work in firearms design and function, repairing of Firearms, Stockmaking, Bench Metal, Machine Metal Work, Gunbluing, Metal Finishing, Riflesmithing and Pistolsmithing.
BASIC LATHE - This five-day course will cover the basic use of the engine lathe. Topics to be covered include: use of precision measuring tools, engine lathe parts and accessories, lathe safety, free-hand grinding of common lathe cutting tools, speeds and feed rate, lathe setup and machining procedures, threading operations and polishing techniques. The student will develop basic lathe skills through the manufacture of some common gunsmithing tools.

Instructor: Staff
Cost: $300.00

ALTERNATE FINISHES: This course will introduce students to firearm finishing methods other than hot bluing, with emphasis on various spray on finishes. Finishes covered include: GunKote, Teflon/Moly, and Aluma Hyde II. Cerrakote© and Durakote© will be discussed. Spray on finishes will be provided in most of the colors that Brownells carries, air brushes and other supplies will also be provided.

Instructor: Dean Batchelder
Cost $300

BASIC GUNSMITHING: This five day course will study basic principles involved in gun repair. This will include extractor and ejector fit, trigger and sear fit, and common feeding problems. Disassembly and reassembly of Smith & Wesson dbl. action revolvers, Colt 1911, Remington 870 & 1100 and Glock handguns will be emphasized.

Instructor: Bob Chavez
Cost: $300

L.E.A.S SHOTGUNS - This four and a half day course will focus on design, function and repair to factory service specifications, including the study of feeding, loading, headspace, gas systems and basic repair and maintenance of all parts. Guns covered will be Rem 870, Mossberg 500, and Rem 1100/11-87. (CLEET Certified)

Instructor: Mark Combs
Cost: $300
**INSTRUCTOR:** Staff
**Cost:** $300

**L.E.A.S. FULL AUTO FIREARMS:** This five-day course will cover state of the art full auto firearms commonly seen in Law Enforcement. It will also cover feeding, ejection, and fire control systems of these firearms in detail. (CLEET certified)

**Instructor:** Bob Chavez
**Cost:** $300

**GUNBLUING:** This five-day class covers various techniques used to polish and blue firearms. Stainless steel bluing will be discussed, but facilities for stainless steel will not be available. Attendees should be able to polish and blue one or two firearms during the class provided that the existing finish is not badly pitted.

**Instructor:** Dustin Coble
**Cost:** $300

**ENGLISH & EUROPEAN DOUBLE SHOTGUNS:** This five-day course will cover identification, correct methods of disassembly and reassembly. Students will learn to read and interpret proof marks, correctly adjust trigger pulls & ejectors, make and fit new firing pins, springs and other parts. The bending of gunstocks will be covered as well as the measuring and the fitting to the customer without a pattern stock.

**Instructor:** Jack Rowe
**Cost:** $300

**INTRODUCTION TO LEATHER CRAFT:** This five-day course will instruct students in the fine art of leather craft. Students will learn and apply basic leather working skills as they craft projects of their own choosing. Some common projects include; belts, holsters, billfolds, and sheaths.

**Instructor:** Michael Payne
**Cost:** $300
Week Three June 1-5, 2015

BASIC MILL: This five day course is designed to teach the beginning mill operator proper nomenclature, function, and setup procedures. Students gain hands on experience building some common gunsmithing tools.

Instructor: John Bohon
Cost: $300

PNEUMATIC AIRGUNS: This five-day course presents an overview of Airgun power plants focusing on the multi-pump and single stroke-type. Proper inspection, repair, and maintenance procedures will be emphasized.

Instructor: Randy Bimrose
Cost $300

DESIGN, FUNCTION, REPAIR OF DOUBLEGUNS: This five day course is an in-depth study of the design, construction, and mechanics of both side by side and over/under guns. Students will learn basic assembly/disassembly as well as repair techniques that apply to both American and European double guns. Barrel regulation, lock work, bolting mechanisms, ejectors and rejoining/retightening will be covered.

Instructor: Dewey Vicknair
Cost $300

L.E.A.S 1911 ARMORER: This four day course will provide updated armorer information and repair techniques for 1911 pistols. Routine maintenance, cleaning and repair processes will be emphasized. (CLEET certified)

Instructor: John Tremblay
Cost $300

Week Four June 8-12, 2015

L.E.A.S BASIC CORRECTION ARMORER: This four and half day class will provide the corrections officer updated Armorer's information and repair techniques needed to maintain the firearms used by the D.O.C. Guns covered include the Ruger Mini-14 semi-automatic rifle and the modern bolt action sniper rifle, focusing primarily on the Remington 700. Proper scope mounting, bedding, trigger work, routine maintenance, and effective cleaning techniques will be discussed. (CLEET certified)

Instructor: John Tremblay
Cost $300
COLOR CASE HARDENING: This five-day course will introduce the student to the traditional bone and charcoal color case hardening process. Material covered includes techniques used by modern restoration shops as well as those used by traditional gunmakers. Students will be able to apply what they have learned in order to properly prepare and color case harden their own parts and projects.

Instructor: Dewey Vicknair
Cost: $300 plus $20 Lab fee

1911 CUSTOM (Build Class): This five-day course will cover all aspects of building a 1911 pistol from a bare frame and slide and fitting of all components. Students will be expected to know how to assemble & disassemble a 1911 pistol. Precision filing and fitting will be a required skill. Machine shop skills will be required for machining slides for sight installation and ramps for ramped barrels. We can instruct you on how to machine the slide and frame as needed, but will not have time to do the work for you.

Instructor: Mike Watkins
Cost: $300

CO2 AIRGUNS: This five-day course will present an overview of Airgun power plants focusing on the CO2 air guns. Proper safety, maintenance, and repair techniques will be explained and emphasized.

Instructor: Randy Bimrose
Cost: $300

ACTION BLUEPRINTING (Wk. 1): This two-week course delves deep into some of the fine details that make the difference between occasional accuracy and “consistent” deliverable accuracy and how to maintain it. This class will cover Action Blueprinting secrets, principals of bench-rest barrel fitting and crowning, precision scope mounting methods, and Q&A sessions on accuracy related subjects. Bring actions and barrels to work on. It is highly recommended that students take both weeks of this course in order to receive complete instruction.

Instructor: Terry Shoemaker
Cost: $300 + $25 lab fee
Week Five June 15-19, 2015

BASIC RELOADING: This five-day course will cover basic reloading techniques of handgun, rifle, and shotgun cartridges and shotshells. The course will also progress to advanced reloading concepts and procedures, i.e. neck turning, case annealing, case forming and wildcat cartridges.

Instructor: John Tremblay  
Cost $300 + $25 lab fee

STOCK FINISHING AND CHECKERING: This five day course will instruct students on different techniques of stock finishing and checkering. Includes pattern design, layout, scribing, pattern transfer, and basic hand checkering techniques.

Instructor: Joe Balickie  
Cost $300

L.E.A.S. DOUBLE ACTION SEMI-AUTO PISTOLS: This five day course will cover the new generation of double action semi auto pistols that are currently used by law enforcement. Areas to be covered include; feeding, extraction, ejection, and repair/maintenance. Pistols covered include: Smith & Wesson XD, Glock, Beretta 92/96, and Sig P series.

Instructor: Tom Lumb  
Cost: $300

ACTION BLUEPRINTING WEEK 2: Action Blueprinting Cont….  

Instructor: Terry Shoemaker  
Cost $300 + $25 lab fee
L.E.A.S. AR-15 CUSTOMIZATION: The object of this four day course is to familiarize the student with the AR-15 firearm format. Instruction will include functioning, disassembly of main and sub groups and reassembly, troubleshooting and function testing tips, tool use, and the installation of many aftermarket custom parts. Also covered will be some different cartridge offerings in the AR-15 format. The .308 AR and the different manufacturers and the compatibility between them will be discussed. Students are encouraged to bring their own firearms assembled or disassembled for completion during the class as firearms will not be available. For the LE folks, the armorer class will be completed in three days, and they can choose to stay for the fourth day. (CLEET certified)

Instructor: Dean Batchelder
Cost $300

PRECISION BEDDING of HUNTING & MATCH RIFLES: This five-day class will take students through the theory and practices of bedding modern, hunting, match, and tactical rifles. Complete demonstrations of bedding techniques, tools and components will be given in the class. Discussions will be given, comparing composite and wood stocks and ways to improve and enhance their performance, methods of inletting a receiver from a blank and inletting hinged floor plates by hand. Students are encouraged to bring their own barreled actions and pre-inleted stocks.

Instructor: "Speedy" Gonzales
Cost $300 + $25 lab fee

L.E.A.S. REVOLVERS: This five-day class will cover in great detail S & W revolvers as to factory service specification. Areas of instruction will be ways to time the hand and cylinder stop, cylinder endshake, yoke alignment and endshake, making the gun shoot where it points, carry up and factory fitting and repair of all parts. This class will cover S&W revolvers only! (CLEET certified)

Instructor: Tom Lumb
Cost $300
Murray State College has a well equipped Firing Range, with an ATA regulation Trap range, a 100 yard Rifle Range, and 50 Yard Pistol Range. The MSC Firing range is overseen by Sam Holt. Sam is C.L.E.E.T. certified and an NRA Certified Chief Range Safety Officer.

Summer firing range hours have not been established as yet, and will be posted when they become available.
Dean Batchelder: Graduated from Colorado School of Trades in 1992 and had his own shop prior to coming to Brownells in the Gunsmith Tech Support department in 2001. Since 2005 he has been instructing “Alternative Finishes” classes and “AR-15 Armorer and Customization” classes to the students at various Gunsmithing Schools as well as the NRA Summer Gunsmithing Program, on behalf of Brownells, Inc.

Joe Balickie: Retired for 19 years, he started working on guns at age six. He was interested in Stockmaking in high school. He made videos on checkering and finishing, 25 years ago. Joe is a charter member of the Custom Gunmaker’s Guild and has worked as a fulltime custom stock maker since the 60’s until he retired in 1995.

Randy Brimrose: Whose gun repair experience dates back 47 years and puts the same dedication, determination, exactness and consistency into every repair. His experience and background include: A retired U.S. Marine Corps Match Armorer, Former Senior Gunsmith for Beeman Precision Airguns for over 10 years, former gunsmith for C&J Enterprises, Repair Consultant for Beeman Precision Airguns, Life member of NRA & CRPA (CA Rifle & Pistol Assoc.), also on the CRPA Board of Directors and member of NSSF.

John Bohon: Currently is Murray State College’s Gunsmithing Program Director. A gunsmithing instructor at Murray State College for over twenty four years, John has degrees from the University of Oklahoma and Trinidad State Junior College. He is experienced in both hand and machine tool techniques, rifle and Pistolsmithing, metal finishing processes, and Stockmaking. Among other hobbies John has been a custom fishing rod builder for over thirty years.

Robert Chavez: Has taught NRA Gunsmithing classes as well as full time classes at Lassen College for 28 years. These classes have ranged from beginning gunsmithing to double guns. His L.E.A.S. classes covered every gun that today’s police officers use from handguns to the latest fully automatic firearms. Bob has taught national police in Panama and Haiti and helped to create a self-sustaining program in both countries. He has an ability to explain details in a fashion that is conducive to an enjoyable and productive learning environment.

Dustin Coble: Joined the Marine Corps in 2005 and has been involved with firearms ever since. Graduate of Murray State College he studied in both the Gunsmithing and Business programs. Dustin and his wife Morgan opened D & M Guns LLC in Milburn, OK which offers gunsmithing services and firearm sales. Currently employed as a lead armorer for the Department of Energy.

Mark Combs: An Assistant Agent-in-Charge with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, he is a 17 year law enforcement veteran, and has been a CLEET certified firearms instructor since 2001. He is also recently retired from the Oklahoma Army National Guard as an Infantryman with two tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. He has been involved in various aspects of firearms training in both the military and law enforcement since 1987.
Thomas “Speedy” Gonzalez: Is a Member of the National Benchrest Shooters Association’s U.S. Benchrest Hall of Fame and the only National Bench Rest Shooters Association member to win national championships in both Varmint and Hunter Class competitions. He has 33 years of tool and die making experience in the plastic injection molding industry, of which he has drawn from to build some of the most accurate firearms and shooting accessories in the world.

Thomas F. Lumb: Has over 27 years as a Law Enforcement Officer and has an AS in Criminology from Southern Maine Technical College and an AAS in Gunsmithing from Murray State College. Tom has attended major manufacturers Armorers schools and operates his own gunsmithing business. He has been a police firearms instructor, NRA certified pistol instructor, range safety officer, and IDPA range safety officer.

Michael Payne: Michael has over 30 years of experience building leather goods; specializing in belts, holsters, scabbards and other western leather wear. He has been an adjunct instructor at MSC for 3 years.


Terry Shoemaker: Attended Lehigh Career & Technical Institute. Following his machining education he ran a machine shop in Wind Gap, PA. Terry is a 2009 graduate of the TSJC Gunsmithing program and a 2012 graduate of the Brownells Trinidad American Firearms Technology Institute.

John Tremblay: Retired from the US Army in 2012 after 21 years of service. He held several military occupation specialties and has extensive and diverse experience operating and servicing US and foreign small arms. After retirement, John graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Gunsmithing Program at Murray State Community College. As a former IDPA member and amateur competition shooter, John has over two-decades of experience reloading and shooting. He is also the sole proprietor of L&J’s Custom Guns and Repair. This will be the second year that John has been invited as a guest instructor for MSC’s summer Gunsmithing program.

Dewey Vicknair: Currently owns and operates Vicknair Restorations in Lititz, PA. He Performs mechanical and cosmetic repairs and restorations as well as custom work on high-grade and antique double guns; both rifle and shotgun. Dewey worked for Lock’s Philadelphia Gun Exchange from 1985-1999 where he learned the gunsmithing trade. Dewey has over 20 years’ experience as a gunsmith and 16 years in the custom restoration business. His work has been the subject of articles in publications such as Double Gun Journal and Shooting Sportsman magazine. (www.VicknairRestorations.com).

Mike Watkins: Has been building 1911 Handguns since 1975. He works for Brownells, in Gunsmith Technical Support. He is a member of American Pistolsmiths Guild 1991; past president and secretary; on the Board of Directors for APG; was voted 1997 APG Pistolsmith of the year; APG Presidents Award 2010.
MSC/NRA Summer Registration Form

Enter appropriate course title and total amount and return with payment. Please fill out form completely and sign. Choose one class per week only. Please send to: MSC/NRA Summer Program, One Murray Campus, Tishomingo, OK, 73460. (580-387-7480)

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By signing, you are agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations that are maintained by MSC and the Gunsmithing department. This includes the restriction on live ammo in the classroom, as well as restriction on concealed carry firearms in the classroom.