



Fact Sheet: SERE Specialist Volunteer

Congratulations on your decision to volunteer for the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Specialist career field (AFSC 1TOX1). This document provides details to ensure that your decision to volunteer for SERE Specialist duties is well informed. You must initial next to each paragraph, and sign at the bottom of this document to acknowledge you have read, fully understand, and discussed each topic with your recruiter and/or the SERE Specialist Recruiting Liaison Office (SRLO).

1. _____ I have thoroughly reviewed the SERE Specialist recruiting web site: www.gosere.af.mil. To gain more detailed information on SERE Specialist duties, I am directed to contact the SERE Specialist Recruiting Liaison Office via email at 66trs.sss.gosere@us.af.mil or by phone at (210) 671-3882.
2. _____ I affirm the SERE Physical Ability Stamina Test (PAST) was administered and that I qualified in accordance with the standards outlined in the PAST Narrative and Worksheet found in the References/Resources section at www.gosere.af.mil. In addition, I have watched the "USAF SERE PAST Test" instructional video that is linked on the same website to see cadre demonstrations of proper form for each event. I understand proper form will improve my chance of success.
3. _____ I understand the SERE PAST evaluation is a pre-requisite for entry into the training pipeline and that, at a minimum, I will be required to accomplish and pass this test once before BMT and then again on the first day of training for the SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course (SST-OC). I also understand that meeting the minimum requirements of the PAST does not ensure my success in the course and that I should strive to go beyond all of the minimum physical requirements laid out in the PAST.
4. _____ I understand the purpose of SST-OC is to introduce me to the SERE Specialist career field and assess my potential for success as a SERE Specialist. SST-OC is 15 training days and conducted at JBSA Lackland, Texas. I understand SST-OC will assess the following areas at a minimum: physical training, backpacking, basic public speaking, outdoor living/survival skills, and improvising to name a few. I also understand that I will receive a Ruck March assessment in SST-OC and must be able to complete a 4-mile course, carrying a 60-65 pound pack, in under 60 minutes. It would benefit me to prepare in advance by practicing at home with a lower weight, such as a 30-35 pound pack to let my body become accustomed to carrying the weight and increase in increments to avoid injury. The average graduate of SST-OC has completed the 4-mile Ruck March in 51-55 minutes. While at SST-OC, I will receive continual feedback/counseling and have the ability to correct my performance. If I fail to incorporate feedback and/or do not meet the clearly defined training standards, I will be eliminated from training.
5. _____ I understand approximately 60% of the candidates do not successfully complete SST-OC. A majority of those candidates are lost due to Self-Initiated Elimination (SIE) or quitting. The bulk of the SIE's in the SERE Pipeline are due to a lack of research on what SERE really does and not physically prepared for the road ahead. If I do not complete SST-OC, I may be re-classified to another Specialty based on the needs of the Air Force, or could potentially be involuntarily discharged from the Air Force.
6. _____ Should I successfully complete SST-OC, I will be assigned to the USAF SERE School at Fairchild AFB, Washington to complete the SERE Specialist Training Apprentice Course (SST-AC), and I will remain at Fairchild AFB for my first assignment. If I am married, my family will typically move to Fairchild AFB with me after graduating SST-OC at JBSA Lackland. I understand SST-AC is a six-month course that begins each January and July. Prior to SST-AC, I will complete the Air Force's basic SERE Training Course, Emergency Parachute Training, Underwater Egress Training, Water Survival Training, and the SERE Specialist Training Indoctrination Course (SST-IC) totaling 10+ weeks. I understand I may be required to await training at Fairchild AFB, and during this time I will work on basic SERE Specialist skills and physical conditioning in preparation for SST-AC.
7. _____ I understand that 33% of the candidates do not successfully complete SST-AC. As with SST-OC at JBSA Lackland, a majority of those candidates are lost due to Self-Initiated Elimination (SIE) or quitting. If I do not complete SST-AC, I will be re-classified to another career field based on the needs of the Air Force, or could potentially be involuntarily discharged from the Air Force.

8. _____ I understand SST-OC, SST-AC and the SERE Specialist career field are both physically and mentally demanding. I also understand during SST-OC, SST-AC and throughout a SERE Specialist's career, duties are conducted outdoors and in remote locations regardless of adverse weather conditions. If married, you have involved your spouse/family in this decision and understand the sacrifices made while in the SERE Specialist Training Pipeline.
9. _____ I acknowledge SERE Specialist duties involve teaching SERE tactics, techniques, and procedures to other military members. Once I complete SST-AC, I will undergo an on-the-job certification process with a trainer. The certification process will validate that I am ready to train and provide other service members the information and vital skills that could ultimately save their lives. I also understand that I will be required to perform military parachutist duties during my career as a SERE Specialist.
10. _____ I understand the SERE Specialist career field is considered Combat Support, and their primary duties do not include direct combat or being a "door kicker" so to speak. However, I do understand SERE Specialists deploy to combat zones in support of conventional and non-conventional combat operations at various points in their career.
11. _____ I understand the character of a SERE Specialist is someone that is highly motivated, self-sufficient, with all of heart. The "heart" piece is a mix of good character, unselfishness, and the "Will to Survive". No matter what obstacles I encounter that I will overcome them and head in a positive direction while taking care of my fellow man. In SERE not only am I responsible for myself but I could have six plus students to watch over and ensure they are in good physical health and learning. Bottom-line, I will become a temporary caregiver and I must put the needs of others before myself.
12. _____ I understand SERE Specialist duties will require me to exhibit the highest standards of leadership, followership, maturity, attention to detail, communication skills, time management, and a willingness to persevere at a higher level than typically expected from my Air Force peers.

Congratulations on your decision to volunteer for the SERE Specialist career field. We look forward to having you join our mission to ensure America's warfighters "Return with Honor." If you or your Recruiter have any questions please contact the 66 TRS SRLO.

I _____
 (SERE Specialist Candidate – Printed Full Name)

have read and understand the above information. I did/did not contact the SRLO.*

SERE Specialist Candidate Signature/Date: _____

Phone Number (Comm): _____

Name/Date of SRLO individual contacted (Office Commercial 210-671-3882/DSN 473-3882):

I _____
 (Recruiter – Printed Full Name and Rank)

have ensured the SERE Specialist Candidate above has been given the opportunity to contact the SRLO, viewed the videos on the SERE Specialist website, and meets all career field entry qualification requirements.

Recruiter Signature/Date: _____

Phone Number (DSN/Comm): _____

***Note:** A copy of the signed SERE Specialist Fact Sheet will be emailed to the SRLO's Office at 66trs.sss.gosere@us.af.mil within five duty days of the candidate signing this document.