

Service Dog Application Valor Medical Service Dogs

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Thank you for your interest in receiving a Service Dog from Valor Medical Service Dogs. We strive to provide you with the highest quality service dog possible to meet your needs. The purpose of this application is to evaluate your medical, physical, and emotional circumstances so that we may see how one of our dogs may benefit you as a recipient. Turning in this application does not automatically approve you to receive a dog from VMSD. A VMSD representative will call and notify you if you are approved.

VMSD may or may not train an applicant's own dog. Any currently owned pet dogs will have to be evaluated to see if it is capable of being trained to be your service dog. Certain breeds and/or behaviors in pet dogs may not make them suitable for service dog work. We prefer to use dogs we have bought from familiar breeders or our own bred dogs that we know the history, and background, of how the dogs were raised, and their medical health and histories.

The waiting period for a service dog could be anywhere from one to two years. It depends on the age of the dog, where you are on the waiting list, and availability of dogs at the time that you apply. Also a factor, is where the dog is in training, and which tasks the dog will be required to perform for the recipient, at the time of application and approval. Some tasks take longer than others to learn for the dog depending on the breed. Newborn dogs must be at least 2 months of age before they can begin training.

All service dogs received by recipients will be free of charge as we are a non-profit. There is no application fee.

The financial ability to accommodate, feed, provide shots, possible grooming, and other unexpected medical care for a service dog, are the responsibility of the recipient. The required shots for the service dog, for its age, will be provided by VMSD, up to the point that the dog is obtained by the recipient. The recipient may be required to provide proof of their ability to care for the dog and what their plan is should an emergency arise with the service dog. If at any time you are unable to care for the service dog that you receive from VMSD, we retain the first rights to take the service dog back from the recipient, if the service dog was first owned by VMSD. A separate contract will be signed to this effect.

VMSD does not discriminate against recipients based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or presence of disability whether physical or mental.

This application must be completed by an adult of the age of 18 or older. If you cannot fill out the forms, an approved designated person, picked by the applicant, or legal guardian, or parent may submit it. A video may also be submitted if the applicant is incapable of filling out the forms.

An in-person interview and home visit may be required before delivery of the service dog. In the case of great distance, a video may or may not be accepted.

In the case of acceptance and approval for a service dog from VMSSD, the recipient will be required to attend classes with the dog to learn how to use the dog, and how the dog has been trained, and how to continue maintenance training with their assigned service dog. It is important to ensure that the service dog is a proper fit for the recipient, and that the recipient is able to handle the dog properly to the benefit of their disabilities, and also possibly train a secondary handler if the recipient is not going to be the primary handler for the service dog. The amount of classes required will depend on how many tasks the dog has to perform for the recipient and how well the training with the recipient is going at the time. Travel expenses to attend classes, lodging, transportation, and food will be the responsibility of the recipient and/or their family. There may be follow-up visits or interviews, and proof of the upkeep of the service dog's shots and care may be asked to be provided. Updates will always be welcome.

Please fill out the following to the best of your ability.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/legal guardian/caregiver

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone

number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name and phone

number: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ These questions are aimed at determining the size of dog you may need.

Do you reside in a house: _____ trailer _____ apartment _____ duplex _____

What physical disabilities do you have and how long have you had them?

Who will be caring for the service dog and how do you think your disabilities will affect your ability to use, handle, and care for your service dog?

What is your previous experience with dogs?

Are there any other dogs/pets/animals in the household? If yes, please describe.

We require copies of all shot records for your current pets and the name and contact information for your current veterinarian.

Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs? If yes, please describe reaction.

Are you employed? If yes, how do you see your service dog fitting into your work?

Are you in a wheelchair? If yes, manual or electric? Or any other assistive devices?

Will you need the service dog for mobility purposes? Ex: help pull wheelchair, harness as support for walking, using dog as support to get up from kneeling position or from floor, walk next to a wheelchair, etc.

Do you require the assistance of a caregiver/aide? If yes, what does this person do for you and will they be assisting you in the handling/care of the service dog?

Do you drive? If yes, do you use any type of adaptive equipment?

Where in your vehicle will the dog ride with you?

Does anyone else reside in the home? How many and how are they related to you?

Do you have a fenced in yard?

How and where will the service dog get it's exercise and relieve itself?

Please describe all daily/weekly activities that the service dog will accompany you?

What services do you wish for the dog to provide for you?

Is there anyone that can care for the service dog in the event of an unexpected emergency or hospitalization or surgery?

Are you taking medications? If yes, please list medication and dosages.

Do you have any history of psychiatric or mental illnesses for which you are currently are or have been treated for in the past?

Do you have any cognitive deficits for which you are being treated?

Do you have a history of:

Epilepsy

Seizures

Heart attacks

Diabetes

Nightmares

Anxiety

Depression

Panic Attacks

Violence to others/animals

Suicidal thoughts/attempts

Falls

Visual impairments

Memory loss

I have filled out this form and acknowledge it to be true to the best of my ability.

By signing this application, you give Valor Medical Service Dogs the legal right to review and evaluate your medical records.

We need this information to evaluate your approval and to train your service dog to assist and mitigate your disabilities.

All of your information will be protected and will never be released to anyone outside of our organization.

Applicant signature _____

Valor Medical Service Dogs Representative _____