



SERVICE DOG CLIENT APPLICATION

First of all "Thank You!" for applying with American Assistance Dogs!

"American Assistance Dogs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities. We serve clients by providing specially trained dogs that help them gain greater independence, confidence, and a deeper connection to the community. American Assistance Dogs, Inc. is committed to respect, leadership, and standards of excellence."

Our application fee of \$25.00 should accompany this application. See address for remittance at the end of this application.

Since we are a non-profit we rely on fundraising to pay for the training, care and administrative costs of providing service dogs to clients. We ask that clients participate in fundraising as they have the ability. If you have any questions concerning this part we are more than happy to discuss this with you.

Application Process for American Assistance Dogs

The application process for receiving a service dog is as follows:

1. Submit a request to receive an application, either by email or by letter. An application will be sent to you.
2. Once you have completed your application and mailed it back with the \$25 non-refundable application fee, it will be reviewed. Please remember to include all references (medical, personal, and professional if applicable).
3. Qualified applicants are scheduled for a personal interview, where a team of at least two people visit with you in your home. This gives us a better idea of what kind of dog will best suit your needs and the environment in which the dog will live.
4. References, both personal and medical are checked.
5. After review, applicant is notified as to whether the application is accepted.
6. There is most often a waiting period until pre-matching with a dog can be completed. This waiting period can vary from a few months to two years.
7. The applicant is then notified of their service dog match and the dates of Team Training are given. We feel it is essential to find the right combination of client and dog to make a successful working team.
8. Transition training, client specific training, Public Access Certification and then...Graduation!
9. Follow up will be given to all clients who receive and graduate with an A.A.D. Service Dog. Schedule to be determined between client and trainer.

American Assistance Dogs

Application for a Service Dog

Instructions:

- We accept applications from residents of Minnesota.
- The Service Dog should be the only dog in the home (this can be discussed if necessary).
- American Assistance Dogs does not train a dog already owned by an applicant.
- You must be at least 18 years old to apply. We prefer dealing directly with the person applying for the Service Dog. We are open to discussing exceptions to the age limit, but American Assistance Dogs, Inc. has sole discretion.

TODAYS DATE:

How did you hear about A.A.D.?
(circle one)

Internet Friend Phonebook
 Radio Other

If other explain _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

(if more than one, please list)

H: _____

W: _____

C: _____

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone:

H: _____

W: _____

C: _____

Emergency Contact Address:

Are you employed?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes:

Employer's Name:

Employer's Address:

Employer's Phone:

Number of Years Employed:

Current Supervisor Name/Number

Occupation:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced

If married/spouse's name: _____

Your Age: _____ Date of Birth _____

Male _____ Female _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Number of Children _____

Ages of Children _____

Are the children comfortable around dogs? Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

Does anyone in your household have allergies to dogs? Yes No

If yes, please explain to what extent. _____

DISABILITY INFORMATION

What is the nature of your disability? _____

How long have you had this disability? _____

Is the disability progressive? Yes No

Do you use: Wheelchair (manual or motorized)

Crutches Walker Scooter

Are you also: Hearing Impaired _____

Vision Impaired _____

Speech Impaired _____

Highest Level of Education: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Are you a Student Now? Yes _____ No _____

Name of School: _____

List any special interests or hobbies you have: _____

You live in:	House	Apartment	Condo
	Mobile Home		Other
If other, please explain:	_____		

Do you:	Rent	Own	Live with parents/relatives
	Other	_____	
If house:			
Is the home multi-level?	Yes	No	
Is the yard fenced?	Yes	No	
If no, please explain how you will provide the dog with exercise	_____		

If apartment:			
Does it have handicap accessible doors?	Yes	No	_____
Automatic or push-button opener?	Auto	Push-button	_____
Do you live on the ground level?	Yes	No	_____
Do you have easy access to the outside?	Yes	No	_____
If renting please provide landlord's name	_____		
Does your landlord know you're applying for a service dog?	Yes	No	
Are you thinking of moving within the next year?	Yes	No	
Do you require the assistance of an attendant?	Yes	No	
How often do you have an attendant?	_____		
What does your attendant do for you?	_____		

Does your attendant know you are applying for a service dog?	Yes	No	

ANIMAL EXPERIENCE

Have you ever trained a dog?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes; tell us about it!

Have you ever owned a service dog before?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes; please explain:

(use separate sheet of paper if necessary)

What do you want a service dog to do for you? (Examples: open doors, fetch items, pull wheelchair, respond to seizures, etc.)

What other pets have you owned?

Do you have any other pets right now?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes; please list what kind (dog, cat, other), their ages, male/female, do they live in the house and whether they get along with other animals

Are you able to provide regular vet care for a service dog? The cost is approximately \$200 per year.

Yes _____ No _____

Are you able to provide food? The cost is approximately \$300 per year.

Yes _____ No _____

Are you physically able to feed a dog yourself?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, please explain.

Do you have the ability to clean up after a dog?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, how do you plan on accomplishing this task?

Will the service dog travel with you?

Yes No

If yes, what types of travel?

Car Bus Train/Light Rail Plane

Walking beside you

Other _____

Will you take the service dog to work with you?

Yes No

If no, how many hours per day will the dog be left alone?

REFERENCES:

Personal Reference #1:

Name: _____
Phone: Day: _____
Eve: _____
Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Personal Reference #2:

Name: _____
Phone: Day: _____
Eve: _____
Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Professional Reference:

Name: _____
Phone: Day: _____
Eve: _____
Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Medical Reference:

Name: _____
Phone: Day: _____
Eve: _____
Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Please submit the \$25.00 application fee with application to:

Deb Barker / American Assistance Dogs
P O Box 13
Jordan, MN 55352