



Service Dog Application | Firefighters With PTSD

Firefighters with PTSD is a nonprofit organization that works to raise awareness and bridge the gap in relation to access and resources for first responders and veterans suffering with PTSD. We do this in many ways, but the most recognizable way is with service dogs. We house and train service dogs to be partnered with these brave men and women. Service dogs are a great addition to treatment for many but access to them is limited, even with doctor's recommendation.

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apt*

_____ *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service and diagnosis

Branches of service: _____

Length of service: _____

Is your PTSD diagnosis service related? YES NO

Do you have medical records or letter from your physician outlining your diagnosis and treatment plan? YES NO

What is your current treatment plan for your PTSD symptoms? _____

Dog preference and why: _____

Tell us about your needs, symptoms and how you envision a service dog improving your quality of life. Tell us about your life, try to be specific: _____

Support System

What is your living situation? Who is in the home and what kind of home do you have? _____

In your absence (illness, hospitalization, etc) who would take care of your service dog? What support system do you have in place for these instances? _____

Feel free to share anything you think would help us get to know you (use more paper if needed)

Commitment to the Trainings

Our program moving forward is to have our recipients train their service dog with the assistance of Firefighters With PTSD and our enlisted dog trainers. This takes a big commitment from you, if chosen as a recipient, as you will be in class once a week for a 6-7 month period.

Please see class outline below:

Class Instructors: Corey Doebber - Owner and trainer at Solid Results K9
Becca Curtis - Owner and trainer at Off Leash K9
Class Support/fill in: Matt Doughty - President/Founder of Firefighters With PTSD
Amanda Levitt - Vice President/Secretary of Firefighters With PTSD

Place: Twin cities metro, western suburb locations and some Sunday afternoons. (locations to rotate)

Dates/Time: Tuesdays at 7 pm, Sunday field trip opportunities each month (skill work in the community) Each class will be 1-1.5 hours. Weekend field trip time may be a little longer (predetermined)

Program Length: 6 - 7months

Class size: 5 teams (handler & dog) per program

Dogs: Bring your own dog or apply for one when available through our service dog application process. If training a dog you already have, or one you have acquired yourself, our trainer will evaluate temperament and skills before entering into program. Not all dogs make the cut as a service dog. Dog must be up to date on vaccinations, microchipped and play well with others, no aggressive behaviors.

Dogs cannot start training until neutered and healed. Puppies may start training around 9 months and should be around or over 18 months before having their service dog testing done.

Class Expectations

- Sign contract within 7 days of acceptance into the program
- Sign rights to access dogs veterinary records for the life of the animal
- Classes will be weekly with the exception of predetermined holiday weeks, written approval for classes missed required
- Mandatory hours logged in classes/field trips: 40 hours
- Dogs in program must be neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations.
- Commitment to working on lessons and skills outside of class. This is the only way to keep moving forward in the program, outside work is completely your responsibility. Skills help available if having trouble with certain tasks, etc.

Please initial that you have read the class outline and are committed to the trainings if chosen:

Initial _____

Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this is an application for a service dog that will be under my care and supervision for the life of myself and/or the animal. The dog must be cared for and used as a working dog. Inability to care for the dog, using your service dog inappropriately or not working the dog as intended will forfeit your rights to the animal and it will be returned to Firefighters With PTSD.

I understand that I must attend 40 hours' worth of training classes during the 6-7 month class (as noted above) and are willing to take on this commitment with my service dog if chosen as a recipient.

Full name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____