



K9 Partners Assistance Dogs Pre-Application Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in applying for our Client-Trainer Program with K9 Partners Assistance Dogs!

The first step of our application process is our Pre-Application questionnaire. This document will help us determine if our program is suitable for your needs as we are not able to train for all disabilities or symptoms. There is no fee for filling out the Pre-Application questionnaire.

A pre-application approval does not guarantee that a completed application will be approved in the next step. Should you receive a pre-approval after submitting this questionnaire, our team will send you the full application to fill out, including the documents to be filled out by your medical team.

At this point in the application process, we kindly ask applications to not share any medical information beyond the eligibility checklist below. We will ask for more information in the full application along with a Consent to Disclose form. We do not need to know specific symptoms at this time.

We also kindly ask applicants to refrain from sharing descriptions or information about specific trauma at any point in the application process. Providing details may result in automatic denied applications. Many of our amazing volunteers are not mental health professionals and disclosing certain information extends beyond their level of responsibility. Thank you for your support and understanding!

Should you have any questions, please contact our team at applications@k9pad.org.

Reminder:

Service Dogs are **NOT** trained for/to:

- Aid in protection, encourage strangers to stay away, guard the client, etc.
- Emotional support or providing comfort.
- Providing walking assistance like a cane or crutch
- A cure or magical treatment.

Service Dogs **ARE** trained for/to:

- Aid with specific tasks to mitigate a disability.
- A specific person
- Be used as a tool to aid the client with their disability.



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General Information

If client is below 18 years of age, please include parent/guardian information as well.

Name	
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Age	
Email	
Phone number	
Primary Disability	

Eligibility

Check all that apply:

- Client is 18+ years of age
(Please see next section if client is below 18 years of age.)
- Client is a resident of Nova Scotia able to travel to Hammonds Plains, Bedford, Dartmouth, or other parts of HRM for weekly lessons.
- Client is able to participate in groups as well as private or semi-private lessons of groups of mixed genders and backgrounds where socialization between teams would occur before, during, and after lessons.
- Client is physically capable of using stairs.
(Our current borrowed training space is not accessible. We are working towards this.)
- Client is financially capable of providing for the dog's needs and training program fees.
(We do not offer payment plans. Our fee structure is broken down over a 2 year period.)
- Client has reliable transportation to be able to travel to our main training space in Hammonds Plains and to lessons that are scheduled around HRM.
- Client is able to meet the 75% attendance requirements for each module.
(We do not offer virtual classes)
- Client is in stable treatment.
- Client is able to take the dog on multiple outings (3+) per week to complete training requirements.
- Client can commit to two years of training, plus annual upkeep.



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- Client is able to go to public places such as stores, malls, and grocery stores and focus on training their dog without disabling hypervigilance that would prevent them from successfully completing required training.
 - Client has a documented permanent disability that impairs their daily life.
 - Client has a medical practitioner supporting the need for a Service Dog.
(Our program as well as the province requires medical documentation.)
 - Client requires at least 3 disability related tasks.
 - Client requires a Service Dog for one of the following disabilities: PTSD, EDS, Autism, and related disabilities.
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If client is a minor, please check all that apply:

Please be advised we only accept minors on a case by case basis under the Autism Client-Trainer program.

- Client is 13 years of age or older
- Client is a resident of Nova Scotia able to travel to Hammonds Plains, Bedford, Dartmouth, or other parts of HRM for weekly lessons.
- Client is financially capable of providing for the dog's needs and training program fees.
(We do not offer payment plans. Our fee structure is broken down over a 2 year period.)
- Client is in stable treatment.
- Client has a documented permanent disability that impairs their daily life.
- Client has a medical practitioner supporting the need for a Service Dog.
(Our program as well as the province requires medical documentation.)
- Client requires at least 3 disability related tasks.
- Client requires a Service Dog for Autism.
- Client has a parent or guardian responsible for the training who will be considered the handler of the dog to use as a tool for their child.

For handler/parent/guardian. Check all that apply:

- Handler is able to meet the 75% attendance requirements for each module.
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- Handler is able to participate in groups as well as private or semi-private lessons of groups of mixed genders and backgrounds where socialization between teams would occur before, during, and after lessons.



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- Handler is physically capable of using stairs. *(Our current borrowed training space is not accessible. We are working towards this.)*
 - Handler has reliable transportation to be able to travel to our main training space in Hammonds Plains and to lessons that are scheduled around HRM.
 - Handler is able to take the dog on multiple outings (3+ per week) to complete training requirements.
 - Handler can commit to two years of training, plus annual upkeep.
 - Handler is able to go to public places such as stores, malls, and grocery stores and focus on training their dog without disabling hypervigilance that would prevent them from successfully completing required training.
 - Handler understands medical accommodations will only be present for clients themselves. K9PAD is not responsible for accommodation requests for the handler/parent/guardian.
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Please answer the following questions:

1. What do you hope to achieve through participating in the K9PAD Client-Trainer Service Dog program?

2. What are you excited to learn to train?

3. Do you have training experience? If so, please explain.



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4. Do you have other dogs or pets in the household? Please list them.

5. Do you have a dog that you would like to test for suitability? If so, please give us a quick summary of your dog including name, breed, age/dob, why you think the dog may be suitable.

6. Are you able to commit to daily training, weekly lessons, keeping training records, and public access outings for 2+ years?

7. What are your top 3 favourite breeds? Why?



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8. What are your 3 least favourite breeds? Why?

9. What are 3 things you enjoy about dogs?

10. What are some things you do not like about dogs?

11. K9PAD is very community based. We provide a network of support for our clients. A focus of ours is the social interaction portion of the training program and teaching disabled clients new skills. In fact, many of our clients go on to volunteer with our program! While volunteering is not necessary, our clients are expected to be social with their classmates. Is this something you are comfortable with? Please explain.

12. Graduation from the program is not guaranteed. Many reasons can cause a dog to fail out of the program such as: health issues, failed hip and elbow tests, untreatable behavioral problems, dog lacks interest in work, client fails to meet attendance or training requirements, or client breaches code of



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conduct. Even if a client does everything right, sometimes our dogs just aren't cut out for the work. Should your dog fail out of the program, how would you handle this?

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____