

Application Checklist

- To be eligible to enter Got Your Six's service dog program you must be a veteran or first responder: whose injuries took place during military service (stateside or deployed) or during service as a first responder (Police, Fire, or EMS)
- In treatment with a licensed therapist (preferred) or currently enrolled with the V.A.
- Willing to submit to a criminal background check.
- Committed to taking the steps necessary to take charge of your life and future.

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AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION Complete Authorization to Disclose Health Information form on Please initial, sign and date on page 13.	PAGES 12-13 pages 12-13.
MEDICAL INFORMATION Send pages 12-19 to your Provider(s) to complete. *Please send a completed copy of the Authorization form to you	PAGES 14-19 Ir provider.

□ FAMILY/SPONSOR QUESTIONNAIRE PAGES 19-20

DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT:

PAYCHECK STUB OR TAX RETURN
 Please submit your most recent paystub or tax return directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs with your application submission.

□ PROOF OF STABLE HOUSING FOR 6+ CONSECUTIVE MONTHS Please submit 6 months of a utility bill. Please note the applicant must be listed on the utility bill.

All inquiries and questions regarding the application and the application process should be submitted via email to <u>amanda@gyssd.org</u>. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

Application Process

- 1. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink only.
- 2. Complete First Responder Applicant Information (pages 4-10) of the application. Review and sign the Photography Authorization and Release (page 11). Mail both forms to:

Got Your Six Support Dogs ATTN: Applications 6 Schiber Ct Maryville, IL 62062

- 3. Complete and sign the Authorization to Disclose Health Information (page 12-13). Provide the original to the first responder's medical professional(s) and send a signed copy with the first responder's completed application to the address listed in #2 above.
- 4. Fill in the information requested on the top portion of page 14, initial the bottom of page 12 and sign page 13 prior to giving to the first responder's medical provider(s).
- 5. Medical Information (pages 14-19) is to be completed by the first responder's Medical or Mental Health Provider(s). Please have the Provider(s) office send the Medical Information directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs at the address listed in #2 above. If the first responder has multiple medical or mental health providers, have each one complete a form.
- 6. Family Questionnaire (pages 19-20) is to be completed by a parent, spouse, significant other, family member currently living with the first responder, or roommate living with the first responder. If the first responder lives alone, have the document completed by one of those qualified that see the first responder on at least a weekly basis. Please have the parent, spouse, significant other, family member or roommate send the Family Questionnaire portion of the application directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs at the address listed in #2 above.
- 7. Please note, sending in the application is only the first step in the application process. The application will be reviewed upon receipt; any additional information needed will be requested from the first responder, their medical professional, or their family member/sponsor. Once the application is complete it must be reviewed by the Application Committee for tentative approval. The timeframe between tentative approval and actual receipt of a service dog can be up to two years or more. It is important to send in all required documents so that the Application Committee can make an informed decision about the application. The first responder will be notified by a representative of Got Your Six Support Dogs as to the status of the application (put into the queue, deferred, etc.).
- 8. When Got Your Six Support Dogs is starting to pull a first responder/service dog pairing class together, the application will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. A representative of Got Your Six Support Dogs will contact the first responder to clarify any committee issues, answer any questions about the program and discuss the next steps in the application process.
- 9. Once a service dog is matched to the first responder, the first responder must be able to travel to Illinois and attend the entire training session required by Got Your Six Support Dogs. If an applicant is unable or unwilling to attend the entire training session, they will not receive a service dog. If Got Your Six Support Dogs trains a service dog for a first responder and the first responder leaves the training session early, the service dog will remain at Got Your Six Support Dogs. In this case, the first responder may be required to reimburse Got Your Six Support Dogs for all costs incurred in training the service dog as well as travel, room and board expenses incurred for the first responder.
- 10. Do not assume that answering a question in a particular way will automatically disqualify the first responder from the program. We are not looking for the "right" answer. We want honest answers. This will assist us in helping the first responder.
- 11. Questions regarding this process may be emailed to: <u>amanda@gyssd.org</u>. Send us an email, including phone number, questions regarding the application or application process, and we will respond. *No confidential information should be sent via email.* ***NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE***

Service Dog Program Application Applicant Information

Please note: Application must be completed by the first responder or answered under the direction of the first responder. If completed by someone other than the first responder, on a separate piece of paper, please identify the person completing the application and explain why the first responder is unable to complete the application on their own.

General Information

Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		2	Zip:
Home phone:		Cell:		Fax:	
Email:					
Date of Birth:					
Height:	Weight:	Ge	ender: 🗌 Male 🗌 F	emale	
Marital Status:	🗆 Single 🗆 Marrie	ed 🗆 Sepa	rated 🗆 Divorced 🛛	Other:	
Place of Employn	nent:				
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Work phone:		Fax:			
Highest Level of E	Education Complet	ed:			
Last School Atten	ded or Attending:				
City:		State:		Zip:	
Emergency Conta	act Name:				
Relationship:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Home phone:		Cell:		Fax:	
Email:					

Employment Information

Previous Employment?	Police Fire EMS		
Start of Employment:	End of Employment/Current:		
Name of Employer:			
Where Did you Work?			
Reason for Leaving?			
	Housing Information		
(check all that apply) Do you have a strong suppor	 Alone Parent(s) Spouse/Significant Other Attendant Roommate(s) Other: t system? 		
How long have you lived the	orm Condo Mobile Home Other: re? ed yard, enclosed area or other space for a dog to e s No)
	Civil/Criminal Charges		
Have you ever had, or do you If yes, please explain (list date	a have, pending criminal charges? es):	□ Yes	□ No
Have you served, or are you If yes, please explain (list date	currently serving, parole or probation? es):	□ Yes	□ No

Have you ever been charged with driving under the influence? If yes, please explain (list dates):	□ Yes	□ No
Have you ever been charged with domestic violence? If yes, please explain (list dates):	□ Yes	□ No
Have you ever been charged with animal cruelty? If yes, please explain (list dates):	□ Yes	□ No
 By checking this box, I agree and authorize Got Your Six Support Dogs to conduct background check. I confirm that I have never been convicted, or found not guilty by reason of insation or military jurisdiction of any violent or substance abuse-related criminal offens I confirm that I have never been convicted of any felony that resulted in incarce than sixty days. 	anity, in a d se.	civilian
Owning A Dog		
Have you ever owned an animal, specifically a dog?	נ	
Do you reside with, or visit children regularly or do children regularly visit you? Yes No How frequently? Daily Weekly Monthly Other How many? What are their ages?	?	
How do you feel about the use of a service dog publicly identifying you as a per disability? Please explain:	rson with	1 a

Please describe the benefits you anticipate receiving from a service dog.

Define your need for a service dog. (Be specific)

Personal Information

The following questions are designed to help us select and train the right dog to match your temperament and emotional way of being. Please answer the questions and use the space provided to include any additional comments you feel would help us understand your reactions to situations.

How assertive are you in relating to people over a difference of opinion?

How self-confident do you feel when faced with new problems or uncertain circumstances?

Are you able to react calmly in a crisis?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to feel and express fear?	□ Yes	🗆 No
Are you able to feel and express sorrow?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to feel and express love?	□ Yes	□ No

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Are you able to feel and express anger?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to feel and express joy?	□ Yes	□ No
When challenged, do you feel able to stand your ground?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you willing to learn new concepts, even if they are contrary to your current beliefs?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able and willing to assume full responsibility for your behavior?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to control your emotions? Can you recognized when you are emotionally overwhelmed and take positive steps to gain control?	□ Yes	🗆 No
Are you an emotionally sensitive person?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you willing to accept constructive criticism?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to laugh at yourself?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you sensitive to being embarrassed?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you a shy person?	□ Yes	□ No
Are you able to empathize (understand and relate to) with other people?	□ Yes	□ No
How committed are you to change your life and fully participate in what Got Your Six Support Dogs has to offer you? Please explain.	□ Yes	□ No

Are you able to provide proper nutrition, cleanliness, warmth, grooming, bathing, and exercise as well as ensure timely and proper veterinary care for the dog?	□ Yes	□ No
Do you have the capacity to meet the service dog's social and emotional needs throughout the dog's life?	□ Yes	□ No
Do you have the ability, motivation, and resources to accept responsibility for using the dog appropriately?	□ Yes	□ No
Do you have the financial means to travel to Maryville, IL if a face-to-face interview is necessary in the selection process?	□ Yes	□ No
Do you have the financial means or support to cover the annual cost of veterinarian care, flea and tick treatment, heartworm medication, supplies, and other medicines as needed for the dog? The AKC estimates the cost of a dog is approximately \$2,500 per year	□ Yes	□ No

All participants shall be familiar with, and comply with, the regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Title II and Title III, dated September 15, 2010 regarding the use of a service dog. ADA guidelines can be found online at <u>www.ada.gov</u>. Failure to do so could result in the loss of your service dog after graduation.

By signing this application, the veteran is granting permission for Got Your Six Support Dogs staff to communicate with individuals designated in this application as medical or family.

I have disclosed all information to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to disclose, or providing false response, shall be grounds for automatic disqualification from consideration for, or expulsion from, the program.

Signed:

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

*If the applicant is a minor, or under guardianship or conservatorship, or a ward of the court, the parent or duly authorized representative is required to sign below pursuant to state and federal law.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home phone:	Cell:	
Email:		
Relationship:		
Signed:		

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Please mail the completed application form to: Got Your Six Support Dogs ATTN: Applications

6 Schiber Ct Maryville, IL 62062

Photo Release

PHOTOGRAPHY AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I consent to being photographed/videoed by Got Your Six Support Dogs, and/or it's designee in connection with the training, promotion, marketing and educational endeavors of Got Your Six Support Dogs, and/or its designee.

I understand that such photographs/videos may be published in any print, visual or electronic media, including, but not limited to, marketing materials, brochures, pamphlets, videos, website, social media, medical journals and textbooks, for the purpose of informing the medical profession, service dog training profession and/or the general public about service dog training methods for veterans with disabilities.

I understand that the photographs may portray features which will make my identity recognizable.

I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing at any time, but if I do so it will not have any effect on any actions taken prior to my revocation. If I do not revoke this authorization, it will automatically expire ten years from the date written below. I understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization and such refusal will have no effect on the services I receive from Got Your Six Support Dogs.

I release and discharge Got Your Six Support Dogs and all parties acting under their direction and authority from all rights that I may have in the photographs and from any claim that I may have relating to such use in publications, including any claim for payment in connection with distribution, licensing or publication or reprinting of the photographs.

I have read this Authorization and Release and have had an opportunity to consult legal counsel with respect to this. By placing my signature below, I fully consent to the terms and conditions contained herein. This consent is a voluntary contribution in the interest of public education and I certify that I have read the above Authorization and Release and fully understand its terms.

Mail the completed form to:

Got Your Six Support Dogs ATTN: Applications 6 Schiber Ct Maryville, IL 62062

Print Name:		
Signature:	Date:	
Witness Print Name:		
Witness Signature:	Date:	



Authorization To Disclose Health Information

, hereby authorize _____

l, _____(patient/applicant)

(provider)

to furnish the following medical information to: Got Your Six Support Dogs, 6 Schiber Ct, Maryville, IL 62062. . I further agree to allow Got Your Six Support dogs to communicate directly with my provider or treatment team.

Purpose of Disclosure: Got Your Six Support Dogs trains PTSD service dogs to identify early signs and symptoms related to emotional states that are occurring and provide notice to the veteran. Detailed information about symptoms and unwanted behaviors allows for more precise and effective training. In order to provide highly trained service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD, Got Your Six Support Dogs requires all applicants actively participate in therapy and/or counseling. In order for Got Your Six Support Dogs to provide specialized dogs, we need detailed information about the veteran's ongoing treatment programs and his/her responses to that treatment.

Patient's name:

Date of birth:	
Dates of treatment:	

Please provide the following information and mail it to *Got Your Six Support Dogs, ATTN: Applications, 6 Schiber Ct, Maryville IL 62062*:

- 1. Admitting problem (may include intake summary)
- 2. Psychiatric, psychological and social histories
- 3. Physical exam and history
- 4. Current treatment plan
- 5. List of all current medications including dosages
- 6. Progress notes covering the last six months of service
- 7. Discharge summary (if client has been discharged from your treatment service)
- 8. Current diagnosis (or diagnosis at discharge)
- 9. Suicide or other risk assessments
- 10. Special observation or support needs related to safety or suicide prevention

By initialing below, I specifically authorize the release of my mental health, developmental disabilities, alcohol/substance abuse and HIV/AIDS information:

(veteran's initials)

I understand that:

- I have the right to inspect and receive copies of information disclosed.
- I have the right to revoke this consent at any time.
- Revoking this consent shall have no effect on disclosures made before the revocation of consent.
- Any revocation of consent must be submitted in writing to the health care provider and signed by the person who gave the consent.
- If I refuse to consent to this disclosure of information, Got Your Six Support Dogs will be unable to enroll me into its program due to lack of medical information.

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization is as valid as the original.

Signed: _____

(Patient or Legal Guardian)

Date:

Expires:___

A signed release expires in one year unless the person signing the release selects to limit the period to something less than a year. This space is for the person to select how long they want to give permission for their information to be shared.

If signature is not of patient, indicate relationship: _____



Service Dog Program Application Medical Information

(Completed by treating clinician)

Medical or Mental Health Provider Release

Name of Provider:		
-		g my condition to Got Your Six Support n determine my eligibility to obtain a service
Patient Name (please prin	nt):	
Patient Signature:		Date:
PROVIDER NAME:		
Specialty:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		
Primary diagnosis/Proble	m you are treating:	
Date of diagnosis:		
Cause of disability (if kno	wn):	
Secondary disability/Mec	lical conditions:	
How many hours of atten	idant care does the patient receiv	ve each week?

Please indicate any special instruction/consideration related to patient's disability or medical conditions. (For example, hyperreflexia management, seizure precautions, etc.)

Please list all current medications and dosage, including medical marijuana, the patient is currently taking:

Please rate each of the following using these number descriptions:

0 = not applicable 1= mild 2 = moderate 3 = severe

Motor Impairments	Sensory Impairments	Cognitive Impairments	Communication Impairments
Weakness	Vision	Attention	Comprehension
Spasticity	Hearing	Memory	Expression
Coordination	Loss of Sensation	Problem Solving	Speech
Other		Judgement	

Psychological/Behavioral Descriptions

Please rate each of the following using these number descriptions:

0 = not applicable 1= mild 2 = moderate 3 = severe

Depression	Impaired self-esteem	Hopeless/Helplessness
Appetite disturbance	Suicidal ideation	Isolation/Emotionally cut off
Lack of empathy	Hyper-vigilance	Exaggerated startle response
Anxiety	Panic attacks	Difficulty relating to family/friends
Sleep disorder	Nightmares	Flashbacks
Insomnia	Irrability/Anger control issues	Emotional numbness /detachment/restricted affect
Intrusive thoughts	Suicide attempts	Difficulty focusing on one thing

If there are other behaviors or habits that are affecting the patient negatively, please explai

Is the patient currently participating in treatment? If yes, explain the treatment and the patient's response.

Has the patient received treatment in the past? If yes, please explain the nature of the treatment and the patient's response.

Has the patient participated in an in-patient or out-patient mental health program?

If yes, please explain:

Did patient comply with treatment recommendations?

🗆 Yes 🛛 No

History of psychiatric, psychological/behavioral hospitalizations (include dates):

Date of Admission	Involuntary Admit	Hospital (name & city)	Admission Pattern/Diagnosis	Discharge Date
	□ yes □ no			
	□ YES □ NO			
	□ YES □ NO			
	□ YES □ NO			
	□ YES □ NO			
	□ YES □ NO			
	□ YES □ NO			

Additional Medical Conditions

	(check all that apply)	
Cardiovascular disease	Respiratory disease	Diabetes
Seizure disorder	Chronic pain	□ Neurogenic bladder
Neurogenic bowel	Other	
Manual wheelchair	Assistive Devices (check all that apply)	□ Prosthesis
		_
Cane	_	Hearing aid
Walker	Crutches	

Please rate (write number next to activity) the Functional Independence Measure (FIM) levels for the following motor activities based on this scale:

timely, safely) 4. Minimal assistance (perform 75% of activity) 5. Modified independence (perform 75% of activity) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 0% of activity) SELF-CARE Eating Dressing (lower body) SPHINCTER CONTROL Bladder Management SPHINCTER CONTROL Chair/Wheelchair Walk & Wheelchair Walk Hinimal assistance (perform 25% of activity) A. Minimal assistance (perform 25% of activity) A. Minimal assistance (perform 25% of activity) A. Total assistance (perform 0% of activity) A. Total assistance (perform 0% of activity) A. Total assistance (perform 0% of activity) SELF-CARE SELF-CARE SELF-CARE Common 0% of activity) Locomotion Management Stairs	NO HELPER	HELPER-MODIFIED INDEPENDENCE	HELPER-COMPLETE DEPENDENCE
(use of device) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 50% of activity) (perform 0% of activity) SELF-CARE	7. Complete independence (timely, safely)	•	
(perform 50% of activity) SELF-CARE EatingGroomingBathing Dressing (lower body)Dressing (upper body) SPHINCTER CONTROL Bladder ManagementBowel Management Bladder ManagementBowel Management Chair/WheelchairToiletTub/Shower LOCOMOTION Walk & WheelchairWheelchairStairs Walk	·	(perform 75% of activity)	
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Dressing (lower body) Dressing (upper body) SPHINCTER CONTROL Bladder Management Bowel Management TRANSFERS Chair/Wheelchair Toilet Tub/Shower LOCOMOTION Walk & Wheelchair Wheelchair Stairs Walk		SELF-CARE	
Bladder ManagementBowel ManagementBowel Management			Bathing
TRANSFERS Chair/Wheelchair Toilet LOCOMOTION Walk & Wheelchair Wheelchair Walk Wheelchair		SPHINCTER CONTROL	
Chair/WheelchairToiletTub/Shower LOCOMOTION Walk & WheelchairWheelchairStairs Walk	Bladder Management	Bowel Management	
LOCOMOTION Understand Stairs Walk Walk		TRANSFERS	
Walk & Wheelchair Stairs Stairs Walk	Chair/Wheelchair	Toilet	Tub/Shower
Walk		LOCOMOTION	
		Wheelchair	Stairs
Would you recommend this individual for a service dog?	Would you recommend this is	ndividual for a service dog?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No

Do you think this individ necessary to care for a s	dual has the ability to care for a dog or implement the help service dog?	🗆 Yes 🗌 No
• •	it requires special supervision or other supports m/her from self-harm or from harming others? If yes,	□ Yes □ No
•	patient has sufficient self-control to deal appropriately with disappointments and decisions that do not go his/her way?	□ Yes □ No
Do you believe this pati animals?	ent will be responsible and compassionate with	□ Yes □ No
	ould like to talk to us personally about concerning this rovide a phone number or email to initiate consultation.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Additional comments/c	observations:	
Provider signature:	Date:	
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Service Dog Program Application Family Questionnaire

(Completed by parent, spouse, significant other or other family member that currently lives with or sees the applicant on a weekly basis.)

All comments are confidential and will not be shared with the veteran. This form is intended for Got Your Six Support Dog's assessment purposes only. Truthful, honest and full disclosure is extremely important to a proper assessment and potential placement of a service dog.

Name:			
Applicant Name:			
Relationship to Veteran	:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:			
Email:			

First Responder's Mental and Emotional Status

Do you feel the first responder acts in ways that are beyond his/her control? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>	□ Yes □ No □ Minimally
Can the first responder learn and follow direction to the degree necessary to take care of a service dog?	□ Yes □ No □ Minimally
Is the first responder able to make rational decisions about protecting himself/herself as well as the needs and safety of others?	□ Yes □ No □ Minimally
Is the first responder's disability affected by drug or alcohol use or abuse?	□ Yes □ No
Is the first responder capable of making rational decisions?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Is the first responder oriented to time, place, and person?	□ Yes □ No

FAMILY/SPONSOR

Does the first responder pose a danger to himself/herself or others? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Does the first responder have an appropriate attention span?	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
Does the first responder have the ability to relate positively with others?	□ Yes □ No
Can the first responder communicate ideas clearly?	□ Yes □ No
Can the first responder follow, absorb, and incorporate step-by-step instructions?	□ Yes □ No
Is the first responder able to form insights, judgements, and plan a course of action?	□ Yes □ No
What are the benefits you anticipate the first responder will experience as a result of a service dog?	
What are the benefits YOU anticipate experiencing as a result of the first responder obtaining a service dog?	
Do you have any concerns about the first responder obtaining a service dog? If yes, please explain	□ Yes □ No
Are any members of the first responder's support system allergic to dogs, dog hair or dander?	□ Yes □ No
Would you like clarification or need to speak to us for additional information?	□ Yes □ No
Best method to contact you:	
Email Got	iil completed form to: Your Six Support Dogs
If the veteran is accepted, we look forward to working with you as a helpful	ATTN: Applications 6 Schiber Ct Maryville, IL 62062