

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.

□ APPLICATION INFORMATION	PAGES 4-10
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AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION Complete Authorization to Disclose Health Information for Please initial, sign and date on page 13.	PAGES 12-13 m on pages 12-13.
 MEDICAL INFORMATION Send pages 12-19 to your Provider(s) to complete. *Please send a completed copy of the Authorization form t 	PAGES 14-19 o your provider.

□ FAMILY/SPONSOR QUESTIONNAIRE PAGES 19-20

DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT:

□ DD214

Please request a certified copy of your DD Form 214 from <u>www.archives.gov/veterans/militaryservice-</u> <u>records</u> and have it mailed directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs

□ 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!

Applications will be accepted only via U.S. mail. MAIL TO: 6 Schiber Ct, Maryville, IL 62062. Applications WILL NOT be accepted via email for privacy reasons.

Application Process

- 1. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink only.
- 2. Complete Veteran 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. Request a certified copy of the veteran's DD 214 and have it mailed directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs. The website to request the veteran's DD 214 is <u>www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</u>
- 4. Complete and sign the Authorization to Disclose Health Information (page 12-13). Provide the original to the veteran's medical professional(s) and send a signed copy with the veteran's completed application to the address listed in #2 above.
- 5. 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 veteran's medical provider(s).
- 6. Medical Information (pages 14-19) is to be completed by the veteran'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 veteran has multiple medical or mental health providers, have each one complete a form.
- 7. Family Questionnaire (pages 19-20) is to be completed by a parent, spouse, significant other, family member currently living with the veteran, or roommate living with the veteran. If the veteran lives alone, have the document completed by one of those qualified that see the veteran on at least a weekly basis. Please have the parent, spouse, significant other or family member send the Family Questionnaire portion of the application directly to Got Your Six Support Dogs at the address listed in #2 above.
- 8. 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 veteran, their medical professional, or their family member. 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 veteran 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.).
- 9. When Got Your Six Support Dogs is starting to pull a veteran/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 veteran to clarify any committee issues, answer any questions about the program and discuss the next steps in the application process.
- 10. Once a service dog is matched to the veteran, the veteran 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 veteran and the veteran leaves the training session early, the service dog will remain at Got Your Six Support Dogs. In this case, the veteran 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 veteran.
- 11. Do not assume that answering a question in a particular way will automatically disqualify the veteran from the program. We are not looking for the "right" answer. We want honest answers. This will assist us in helping the veteran.
- 12. Questions regarding this process may be emailed to: <u>amanda@gyssd.org</u>. No confidential information should be sent via email. Send us a note, including phone number, state that there are questions about the application process, and we will respond. ***NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE***

Service Dog Program Application Applicant Information

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

General Information

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home phone:	Cell:	Fax:	
Email:			
Date of Birth:			
Height:	Weight: Gende	er: 🗆 Male 🗆 Female	
Marital Status:	🛛 Single 🗆 Married 🗆 Separate	ed 🗆 Divorced 🗆 Other:	
Place of Employm	nent:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Work phone:	Fax:		
Highest Level of E	ducation Completed:		
Last School Atten	ded or Attending:		
City:	State:	Zip:	
Emergency Conta	ct Name:		
Relationship:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home phone:	Cell:	Fax:	
Email:			



Military Information

What is your military status	? 🗌 Veteran 🗌 Active Duty 🗌 National Guard/Res	serve	
Branch of service:	Dates of service:		
Rank at discharge:	Type of discharge:		
Honorable? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No			
Where did you serve?			
	Housing Information		
With whom do you live? (check all that apply)	□ Alone □ Parent(s) □ Spouse/Significant Other □ Attendant □ Roommate(s) □ Other:		
 Do you have a strong suppo Yes: If yes, who? No: If no, please explain: 	•		
What type of residence is yo House Apartment D How long have you lived the	Dorm 🗆 Condo 🗆 Mobile Home 🗆 Other:		
Does your home have a fend □ Yes □ No	ced yard, enclosed area or other space for a dog to	exercise?	?
Do you own any pets? Ye If yes, what kind and how m			
	Civil/Criminal Charges		
Have you ever had, or do yo If yes, please explain (list dat	u have, pending criminal charges? es):	□ Yes	□ No

Have you served, or are you currently serving, parole or probation? If yes, please explain (list dates):	□ 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 insar or military jurisdiction of any violent or substance abuse-related criminal offense I confirm that I have never been convicted of any felony that resulted in incarcer than sixty days. 	nity, in a c e.	civilian
Owning A Dog		
Have you ever owned an animal, specifically a dog?		
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 person with a disability? Please explain:

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

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Are you able to feel and express sorrow?	□ Yes	🗆 No
Are you able to feel and express love?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
Are you able to feel and express anger?	□ Yes	🗆 No
Are you able to feel and everyoes jew?		
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	□ Yes	□ No
current beliefs?		
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?		□ No
Are you wining to accept constructive criticism?	□ Yes	
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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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:		
(Appl	licant Signature)	(Date)
	or under guardianship or conservation horized representative is required	-
Name:		
Address:		
<u>City:</u>	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		
Relationship:		
Signed:		
Parent or L	egal Guardian Signature.	Date
Pleas	Se mail the completed application Got Your Six Support Dogs ATTN: Applications 6 Schiber Ct Maryville, IL 62062	form to:

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

Date:	
Date:	
	Date: 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.

dian)	(Patient or Legal Gu

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.

Expires:

If signature is not of patient, indicate relationship: _

Date:



Service Dog Program Application Medical Information

(Completed by treating clinician)

Medical or Mental Health Provider Release

Name of Provider:		
Please release the request	ted medical information regarding	my condition to Got Your Six Support
Dogs. This information wil	I be used to help the organization	determine my eligibility to obtain a service
dog.		
Patient Name (please prir	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 know	wn):	
Secondary disability/Mec	lical conditions:	
How many hours of atten	dant care does the patient receiv	e 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	Senso	ory Impairments	Cogni	tive Impairments	Communication Impairments
	Weakness		Vision		Attention	Comprehension
	Spasticity		Hearing		Memory	Expression
	Coordination		Loss of Sensation		Problem Solving	Speech
	Other		L		Judgement	

Psychological/Behavioral Descriptions

Please rate each of the following using these number descriptions:

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

Suicidal ideation	Isolation/Emotionally cut off
Hyper-vigilance	Exaggerated startle response
Panic attacks	Difficulty relating to family/friends
Nightmares	Flashbacks
Irrability/Anger control issues	Emotional numbness /detachment/restricted affect
Suicide attempts	Difficulty focusing on one thing
	Panic attacks Nightmares Irrability/Anger control issues



If there are other behaviors or habits that are affecting the patient negatively please explain below.

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 I Yes I No **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 25% of activity) 5. Modified independence (perform 75% of activity) 1. Total assistance (use of device) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 0% of activity) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 0% of activity) 1. Total assistance (use of device) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 0% of activity) 5. Eating Grooming Bathing Dressing (lower body) Dressing (upper body) Bathing Dressing (lower body) Dressing (upper body)	NO HELPER	HELPER-MODIFIED INDEPENDENCE	HELPER-COMPLETE DEPENDENCE
(use of device) 3. Moderate assistance (perform 50% of activity) (perform 0% of activity) SELF-CARE	 Complete independence (timely, safely) 	•	
(perform 50% of activity) SELF-CARE Eating Grooming Bathing Dressing (lower body) Dressing (upper body) Bathing SPHINCTER CONTROL Second	6. Modified independence		
Eating Grooming Bathing Dressing (lower body) Dressing (upper body) SPHINCTER CONTROL Bladder Management Bowel Management TRANSFERS Chair/Wheelchair Toilet LOCOMOTION Walk & Wheelchair Walk	(use of device)		(perform 0% of activity)
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 Tub/Shower LOCOMOTION Walk & Wheelchair Wheelchair Stairs Walk Walk Wheelchair Stairs		SPHINCTER CONTROL	
Chair/WheelchairToiletTub/Shower LOCOMOTION Walk & WheelchairWheelchairStairs Walk	Bladder Management	Bowel Management	
LOCOMOTION Walk & Wheelchair Wheelchair Walk Wheelchair		TRANSFERS	
Walk & Wheelchair Stairs Stairs Walk	Chair/Wheelchair	Toilet	Tub/Shower
Walk		LOCOMOTION	
Would you recommend this individual for a service dog?		Wheelchair	Stairs
If no, please explain.	•	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:		

Veteran's Mental and Emotional Status

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

FAMILY/SPONSOR

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