

Northern Indiana Service Dogs

Welcome to Northern Indiana Service Dogs! You have just made a decision that will change your life forever! The next several months are going to be very exciting ones for you.

When your service dog is ready to graduate and you come for training, you will need to have lots of patience. This will not be easy in the beginning, think of it as bringing home a new baby. Keep your expectations low; as you begin to work with one another your expectation will grow with each task you complete. It usually takes up to six months for the dog to acclimate to you and your needs.

When your dog is almost ready, we will schedule a weekend to place your dog with you. You will need to come here to Plymouth, Indiana to train with us. We will work in the environment that is familiar to them, preparing you for your life together. So be prepared for a busy weekend packed of outings and learning activities.

Plymouth has several hotels to accommodate your needs. If you plan on flying here, our closest airport, South Bend Regional Airport (airport code SBN), is only 30 miles north of Plymouth in South Bend.

When you return your application to us, there are a few more things that we will need from you:

- 1) Completed application
- 2) Prescription from your doctor
- 3) Photo's of you and your yard
- 4) 3 references from friends

Upon review of your application, I will mail or email to you the service dog contract. I require a signed service dog contract before I will begin training a service dog for you. If at any time you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,
Rachel Miller

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Date _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Sex: M F

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____

Work phone _____ Employer _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of Nearest Relative and Relationship _____

Address of Relative _____

Street City State Zip

Relative's Phone Number _____

What best describes your situation?

- Service Dog** – For that unique individual who is determined to work hard to enter the world and live the fullest life possible in spite of mobility impairment. They need a service dog certified for public access to accompany them all day, every day.
- Seizure Response**
 - PTSD**
 - Service dog (works with wheelchair)**
 - Autism Anchor**

- Companion Dog** – For a person with mobility or medical issues who is able to benefit in the home from a well-mannered, obedient dog, but does not need a dog with special skills or public access.

Do you drive _____ Take a bus _____ Cab _____ Other _____

What type of vehicle do you ride in? _____

Where in the vehicle would your service dog sit? _____

What is your disability? _____

How long have you been disabled? _____

What caused your disability? _____

How often do you fall? _____

Please indicate the devices that you use:

Wheelchair: manual power both

Crutches Walker Scooter

Other _____

Which do you use most often? _____

Please rate: (On a scale of 1=Poor – to – 10=Normal)

Your Speech: _____ Easily understood _____ Tone variation _____ Volume

Your Learning Ability: _____ Need assistance, namely _____

How do you handle the following?

Routine medications By yourself Assisted Provided by others

Housework By yourself Assisted Provided by others

Getting dressed By yourself Assisted Provided by others

Shopping; groceries, etc. By yourself Assisted Provided by others

What personal attendants (including family members) do you use?

Personal Care Aide

Cooking Cleaning Medical Other _____

Describe how many attendants and how often? (Daily, weekly)

Please list the name and address of any counselor (rehabilitation, psychological, OT, etc.) or association that you see regularly.

What is your current work or school schedule?

What are your plans for work or school?

List the people living in your home, including their ages and their relationship to you.

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Please describe your home and yard.

Is your yard fenced? No Yes If yes, how high is your fence? _____

What pets do you have now? Describe type and age.

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Have you ever had a dog taken away from you? If yes, explain:

What dogs have you had before? Describe what kind and how old you were.

Veterinarian's name and phone _____

How will you handle walking, cleaning up after, feeding, medicating, exercising, grooming and medical care for your dog? _____

How will you handle the care of your dog if you are hospitalized?

What tasks do you need your dog to do for you?

How does your mobility or related medical issues affect your level of independence?

Describe your lifestyle and activity level: i.e., low activity, moderate, busy, work at home, attend school, employed outside of home, social life, etc.

How would others describe how you deal with anger or frustration toward family members and friends?

How would others describe how often you lash out verbally or physically toward objects, people, or animals that frustrate you? Please describe your latest incident.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 in the following areas:

Rarely		Occasionally		Frequently
1	2	3	4	5

___ I am confident when I am faced with unfamiliar circumstances or problems.

___ I openly express my feelings of fear, love, sorrow, etc.

___ I am willing to accept correction or constructive criticism.

___ I am willing to test and learn new concepts if they differ from my previous beliefs.

- ___ I am able to handle responsibilities.
- ___ I am able to express my feelings of anger and frustration appropriately.
- ___ I am an emotionally sensitive individual.
- ___ I am shy around people I do not know.
- ___ I cry easily.
- ___ I often have to hide my feelings.
- ___ I like to try new things.
- ___ I have spent time around animals.

In your own words, describe your personal history, your characteristics, and explain why having a service dog is important to you.

What other service dog organizations have you applied to?

Have you been denied a dog from these organizations? If Yes, Why?

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Payment Policy

- Deposit of **\$1,500** due within two weeks of when you are notified that we have your dog
- Monthly payment due to NISD after your deposit is paid is **\$100-\$800*** per month
your monthly payment will vary depending on your financial situation and amount agreed to by NISD
- The non-profit company we work with is the “Hope is Mine Foundation” if someone wants to make a payment they can deduct on their taxes.
- **Donations from other individuals/organizations must be paid by a certified check or money order with the recipient’s name noted on the check and mailed directly to:**
 - Northern Indiana Service Dogs**
 - 1913 F – North Michigan St. PMB 190**
 - Plymouth, IN 46563**
- Total remaining amount due before you come to pick up your dog

By signing and dating this Payment Policy I understand and agree to the conditions as stated above.

Your or your representatives signature

Date