

New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. Client Application Process

Our applicants are evaluated thoroughly to ensure a distinct understanding of each individual's specific needs and requirements. To do so, we must have a clear and accurate idea from our applicants as to how a dog will benefit them. Please be as complete as possible in answering the questions on the application. Your completed application package will include the application, the reference list, a doctor's evaluation explaining the nature of the applicant's illness or problem and how it might be helped by an assistance dog, or an audiologist's report in the case of a Hearing Dog, and a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00. The completed application package must be returned to our office before your application can be submitted to our Selection Committee for review.

Your completed application will be presented to our Selection Committee for detailed review. This review may include a telephone interview, and/or a home visit. You may also be asked to provide a video tape of your home to allow our trainers to see how your home is set up, the location of entrances and exits, how you move about, etc. Based upon their analysis the Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. You will be contacted as soon as possible after the Board has made its decision. If your application is accepted, we will begin to look for a dog to train for you. We custom train our dogs to meet your individual needs and specifications.

Remember the written application, in conjunction with subsequent personal interviews, form the basis for recommendations regarding the approval or denial of your application, as well as the selection of the most appropriate dog for your needs. Please be thorough in completing the application and don't hesitate to provide additional information that will help us better analyze and understand your needs.

Please also remember that while the primary focus of the application process is to assess how a dog can best assist the applicant, we must also consider the applicant's ability to take care of the dog. No matter how superbly we train the dog, it is still a dog and we must ensure the applicant's ability to provide for its needs.

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Personal Reference Form

Please provide 3 Personal References from people that are not related to you to accompany your application:

I, _____ do hereby grant permission to New Hope Assistance Dogs, Inc. to the following individuals as a part of the process in support of my application for an assistance dog.

Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

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