



**Eligibility Requirements for acceptance as a paws4people Assistance (Service) Dog Client or Facility Dog Handler**

- Applicants must fit into one of the categories below, such that they could use the assistance and support of one of the types of Dogs we train:

**Veterans and Service Members**

**Dogs for Mobility Assistance**

Physical and/or Neurological Assistance Dog (PND) [Primary Certification]

Mobility Assistance (MAD)

**Dogs for Chronic/Complex PTSD and/or TBI**

Medical Alert Assistance Dog (MED) [Primary Certification]

Psychiatric (PSY)

Emotional Support Dog (ESD)

**First Responders**

**Dogs for Chronic/Complex PTSD and/or TBI**

Medical Alert Assistance Dog (MED) [Primary Certification]

Psychiatric (PSY)

Emotional Support Dog (ESD)

**Dogs for Crisis Response**

Crisis Response Dog (CRD) [Primary Certification]

**Child or Adolescent with Physical or Neurological Disability**

**Dogs for Mobility Assistance**

Physical and/or Neurological Assistance Dog (PND) [Primary Certification]

Mobility Assistance (MAD)

**Dogs for Neurological Assistance**

Physical and/or Neurological Assistance Dog (PND) [Primary Certification]

Sensory Development / Tactile Pressure (STP)

## **Child or Adolescent with Psychiatric/Emotional Diagnosis**

### **Dogs for Psychiatric/Emotional Support**

Medical Alert Assistance Dog (MED) [Primary Certification]

Psychiatric (PSY)

Emotional Support Dog (ESD)

## **Child, Adolescent, Adult, or Veteran with Medical Alert Needs**

### **Dogs for Medical Alert**

Medical Alert Assistance Dog (MED) [Primary Certification]

Allergen Detection (ALG)

Incident Response (IRD)

Diabetes Alert (DAD)

Hearing Alert (HRG)

## **Mental Health Professional**

### **Dogs for use in Counseling**

Psychiatric Facility Dog (PFD) [Primary Certification]

## **Physical/Occupational/Speech/Recreational Therapist**

### **Dogs for use in Clinical Therapy Settings**

Rehabilitative Facility Dog (RFD) [Primary Certification]

## **Educators**

### **Dogs for use in Regular or Special Education Classrooms**

Canine-Assisted Education (CAE) [Primary Certification]

## **Other Placements**

Persons with a need for companionship (rather than service) as in a senior who has lost a spouse, active/retired civil servants who are seeking emotional support. These dogs do not have any form of public access. They may or may not be capable of performing simple in-home helping tasks, this is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Emotional Support Dog

- In order to be eligible, applicants must complete the full application process, agree to all of the documents and policies therein; be approved by the application committee as a good candidate with proper support network in place to care for and fully utilize one of our Assistance (Service) Dogs, Facility Dogs, or Emotional Support Dogs.
- Applicants must agree to the terms of the applicable Placement Agreement and the Pay-It-Forward Policies.
- Applicants will be considered regardless of geographic location; but their ability to travel to the extent necessary for the paws4people training, placement, and recertification requirements will be taken into account.
- Applicants must be able to meet the physical and financial needs to care for a Dog per paws4people standards.
- All applications shall be processed in a timely and organized manner per our Application Review Policy.
- All applicants, Clients, Handlers, Alternative K-9 Caretakers, and Secondary Handlers shall be treated with dignity and respect by all employees, volunteers, students, sponsors, donors, vendors, and fellow Clients, Handlers, Alternative K-9 Caretakers, and Secondary Handlers of the organization.
- paws4people does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or creed and other categories protected by law.
- paws4people reserves the right to decline any application at any time for any reason that is deemed in the best interest of the organization, without disclosing the reason for the organization's decision to decline.