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**As a liaison between Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs and service dog training organizations, we empower Veterans by helping them partner with service dogs to transform their lives.**

K9s Serving Vets is a 501(c)(3) Veteran-founded nonprofit organization guiding Veterans to life-changing service dogs. We are focused on the journey of Veterans to find their service dogs and we act as a road map to help them navigate the process. We provide them with the requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure they receive the additional benefits for Veteran service dog handlers, we help them find the right training organization for their needs, assist with fundraising for the costs and help them transition into their new life as a Veteran service dog handler.

While a service dog's purpose is to assist their handler with daily needs and tasks, at the core of a service dog partnership is the bond. K9s Serving Vets was founded to arm Veterans in search of service dogs with information, guidance, and support in order to partner with that K9 that will be their friend, ally, and companion.



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## **K9s Serving Vets Service Dog Assistance Application Process**

1. Submit a completed application along with \$25 Application Fee
2. Submit a copy of your DD214
3. Submit a letter from your primary care physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other licensed healthcare professional stating he/she believes a service dog would be beneficial for mitigating your service-connected disability.
4. Email a recent photo to [info@k9sservingvets.org](mailto:info@k9sservingvets.org)
5. Submit two personal references (not a relative) to K9s Serving Vets.
6. Initial each page next to the page number.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this application is true.

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Signature

Date



**Section 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

                    Last                      First                      Middle                      Maiden

Birth Date (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight\_\_\_\_\_

Gender\_\_\_\_\_

Current Address

(Dates - \_\_\_\_\_ to present)

\_\_\_\_\_

                    Street Address                      Apartment/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_

                    City                      County                      State                      Zip Code

Previous Address (**Required**)

(Dates - \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_

                    Street Address                      Apartment/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_

                    City                      County                      State                      ZIP Code



Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced

Widowed  Domestic Partnership

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2. HOUSEHOLD**

How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give names/ages/relationship to you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Is anyone in your home allergic to dogs? Yes No

Do you have pets? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list name, breed, and age of pets:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to relocate current pet if they are not suitable to get along with a service dog? Yes No

Do you own or rent your home? Own or Rent

Describe your home and neighborhood (house, apartment, mobile home, size of yard, city, suburb, country, etc.)

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Do you have a fence around your yard? Yes No

Is your home fully accessible to you? Yes No



**Section 3. MILITARY INFORMATION**

Branch(es) of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Pay Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

MOS/Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered service (date): \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4. WORK/EDUCATION**

Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to attend college? Yes No

Are you presently employed? Yes No

Fulltime or Part-time (# hours per week) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_



Describe your work environment (large/small office, high rise, downtown, suburban, rural location, indoors, outdoors, etc.)

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If not presently working, do you plan to become employed?

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**Section 5. BIOGRAPHY**

Please include a short bio (up to one page) for your file:

1. Please tell us about yourself. Include a description of a typical day in your life.

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In your own words, describe how a service dog will assist you to be more independent and more productive both at home and in your community – please be as specific as possible. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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**Estimate of Expenses for a service dog**

Dog food: approximately \$30-\$45/month; we will offer recommendations

Veterinary wellness visit (\$70), heartworm preventative given monthly (\$70, 6-pack), tick/flea preventative given monthly (\$70, 6-pack) and annual immunizations will be approximately \$300. Some veterinarians may offer a Service Dog/military discount.

Replacement equipment: including, but not limited to, packs, leashes, collars, vest, bowls, etc. will be approximately \$75/year.

Toys and treats will be approximately \$150/year.



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## **FUNDRAISING AGREEMENT**

Because K9s Serving Vets is a non-profit organization that relies solely on donation applicants and their families are expected to assist in the acquisition of funding for their service dogs. Are you willing to assist K9s Serving Vets raise funds for your future service dog? Yes No

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to assist in raising funds for K9s Serving Vets.

Name of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

\*Applicants will be considered without regard to race, sex, religion, creed, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, age, or ability.

Personal submitted personal information will not be shared with anyone outside of staff, our volunteers, and the perspective service dog organization/trainer. While K9s Serving Vets will work to match you with a service dog organization best suited to your needs, **the final decision of partnering you with a service dog will be made by the service dog provider.**

Please return your completed application to the physical or email address below. The \$25 application fee (waived for Sierra Delta clients) which will be used to pay it forward to the next veteran can be made through PayPal at [kc@k9sservingvets.org](mailto:kc@k9sservingvets.org).

