



**Blue Sky Buddies**

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**Preliminary Application**

Blue Sky Buddies Places Starter Pups with Veterans so that they can begin the crucial bonding with their handler. Pups are placed between 4 and 6 months old. Starter pups come fully certified, but do require continued training. If you have no desire to train or work with a young pup, then please do not apply.

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Date:		Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
Name of parent or guardian (if applicant is a minor):			
Age of applicant:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Date of birth:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email:			
Work Phone:		Occupation:	
Have you ever served in the US Military? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Branch of Military Service:	
Is your disability service connected?		Is your disability combat related?	
Date of discharge:		Nature of discharge:	
Personal Information			
Are there any other pets in the home? If yes, how many and what?			
What is your yearly gross household income?			
Do you have any residents in the home suffer from pet dander/allergies?			
Do you own or rent your home?			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or violent offense? If yes, please			

explain.	
Who all resides with you? Please list ages and relationship to you.	

**DESCRIBE PERSONAL NEEDS**

Please describe your disability, including information about its onset and prognosis. Specifically, what are your limitations?

**What type of service dog would meet your needs?**

	<i>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Dog</i>
	<i>Other: Please explain</i>

**Explain why you need a service dog. Include specific tasks you need a service dog to perform.**

<b>Ability to provide daily training, attention and care</b>		
<i>A service dog needs daily training, attention and care.</i>	Yes	No
Do you have the time, energy and patience to continue the DAILY training of a starter pup?		
Do you have time to spend with the dog?		
Are you able to exercise and potty the dog multiple times per day?		
Are you able to take the dog to the veterinarian?		
Are you able to groom the dog?		
Are you able to clean up after the dog when they go to the bathroom?		
Will your service dog accompany you to work?		
Will your service dog accompany you on vacations?		
How many hours a day will your service dog be alone? _____ hours/day		

<b>Please indicate that you have read and agree to the following statements by placing your initials in box provided.</b>	
	If I should get approved to receive a service dog from Blue Sky Buddies, I will be required to travel to BSB's property in Pahrump, NV for a minimum two-day training.
	I understand my Blue Sky Buddies Service Dog is donated to me; however, a \$500.00 equipment fee is imposed.
	I understand I must have a medical diagnosis (from a licensed & qualified medical professional) that warrants placement of a service dog. For a PTSD service dog, I must have PTSD diagnosis (from a qualified & licensed mental health professional) & be actively engaged in therapy for a minimum of one year for my PTSD.
	I understand the estimated yearly cost of caring for a service dog is roughly \$3,000 and I understand I am responsible for those expenses.
	I understand if approved for a service dog from Blue Sky Buddies, I will be subject to a criminal background check prior to the dog being placed in my care.
	I understand that simply applying for a service dog does not guarantee the placement of a service dog.
	I understand that I am receiving a starter pup that is obedience trained, can pass public access certification and is capable of assisting PTSD tasks. Specific tasks may or may not be trained prior to placement (discussed with trained and candidate prior to approval). A puppy starter pup requires continued training – EVERY day.

## Procedure of Application and Process

### Pre-Application

- Submit your preliminary application.
- Wait for official word of acceptance or denial (could take 30 days). Acceptance does not guarantee a dog, but rather moves you into the official review.

### Full Application

- A completed full application (one page) and a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee are required.
- A background check will be required
- Medical proof needs to be received (medical records and or a letter from a medical professional verifying diagnosis and treatment)
- A copy of your DD214 needs to be provided

### Interview or Meeting

- Once all documentation is received, a meeting can be scheduled. Candidate agrees to a home visit if local or a skype interview if not.

### Waiting for Placement

- Candidate is now either placed on a waiting list, or matched with a pup in training. Candidate understands this timeframe could take up to a year or be as quick as several months. Not all dogs that enter training are able to meet the requirements of service dog work. If your matched pup fails our program you will be matched with another and the placement is delayed.

### Team Training

- Candidate is responsible for paying for all expenses related to the two day training in Pahrump, NV. (travel, motel, food, etc...).

### Failure of Placement

- Blue Sky Buddies reserves the right deny or terminate a placement at any time before team training OR during team training. Grounds for termination can include, but are not limited to:
  - a. A candidate fails to handle the service dog according to Blue Sky Buddies requirements
  - b. A candidate handles the dog in an abusive or negligent manner - subject to trainer.
  - c. The placement would jeopardize the dogs' health, well-being or safety.

### Public Access Test and Certification

- A candidate must pass the public access test (a 80% is required for passing) – a retest can be scheduled. A second failure will result in removal from the program.

I attest that the above statements are true and factual to the best of my knowledge. I consent to a criminal background check and agree to all terms of a Blue Sky Buddy Starter Pup.

Signature:

Date:

*All applicants will be considered regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, sexual orientation and ethnic origin.*

**PLEASE EMAIL THE COMPLETED PRE-APPLICATION FORM TO:**

Email: [blueskybuddies@gmail.com](mailto:blueskybuddies@gmail.com) | Website: [www.blueskybuddies.com](http://www.blueskybuddies.com)