



# Victory Service Dog Application

Before filling out the application, we ask that you read the following information to ensure that you qualify as an applicant:

1. Victory Service Dogs Inc. is a client-trained service dog/skilled companion dog program. Those accepted to the program are expected to complete approximately 18 months to 2 years of training with 1-2 sessions per week, plus daily practice sessions with the dog individually. The most successful candidates commit to continuous classes with minimal breaks, so please consider if that will fit into your lifestyle.
2. Clients will be expected to pay a non-refundable program fee of \$460, payment plans are available if needed. Victory Service Dogs Inc. will pay for the service or support dog training completed after the basic obedience is complete.
3. Training is done in a group class environment with other members of the public. The environment and noise may be difficult for some veterans.
4. Each dog is an individual. While there will be a set curriculum, some dogs may require individual work with an approved trainer.
5. Victory Service Dogs Inc. and our training partner, All Breed Rescue & Training, utilize a positive reinforcement, relationship-based training philosophy. In order to participate in the program, veterans must commit to following the training principles set out by the trainers. Individuals utilizing punishment based training methods/tools may be discharged from the program.
6. Dogs placed with veterans from Victory Service Dogs Inc. will remain the property of Victory Service Dogs Inc. until the veteran reaches graduation, at which point ownership of the dog will be signed over to the veteran. If a veteran is unable to complete the program, the dog will be returned to Victory Service Dogs Inc.
7. Victory Service Dogs Inc. work with veterans who have mobility issues or have been formally diagnosed with PTSD or TBI *and* are actively engaged in or recently completed therapy.
  - a. Veterans who are diagnosed with PTSD and also have anxiety or depression are welcome to apply.
8. **Read the [FAQ sheet](#).**
9. **Applicants will receive a notification in writing of eligibility after the entire application packet is received and reviewed by Victory Service Dogs Inc.**

*Victory Service Dogs Inc (VSD) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability for the purpose of service, employment, or volunteering.*

## Application Checklist

Your application will be reviewed and an interview scheduled when all information has been received.

- Application Fee of \$25
- Part A - Client Application
- Part B - Background Check
- Part C - Supplemental Materials
  - Personal Letter of Recommendation (family member, partner, roommate, etc)
  - Patient Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information
  - Therapist Referral Questionnaire
  - Letter from therapist or doctor stating need for service dog
  - Copy of DD214 Form

VSD will keep your entire application confidential. Your written application and supplemental materials are considered the property of Victory Service Dogs Inc.



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## Part A - Client Application

Office Use Only - Application #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:		First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:				DOB:	
City:			State:	Zip:	
Email:			Gender:		
Primary Phone:			Secondary Phone:		
Other household members?	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Significant Other Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children Name/Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> Roommate/Other family members Name:		
Are you a veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Military Branch:		
Discharge type?					
Diagnosis:			Currently in or recently completed therapy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Residence: <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
Type of Residence: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Townhome/Condo <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
My household activity level is: <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low					
Do you have access to transportation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Car	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi/Uber	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Are other household members supportive of having an animal in the home?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is anyone in the home allergic to dogs?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is anyone in the home afraid of dogs or certain breeds?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you ever owned a dog before (as an adult)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are there other animals in the household currently?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If other animals, please list:					
<i>If there are other animals in the home, an evaluation of the animal and introductions with a potential service dog will be conducted by a VSD representative prior to service dog placement.</i>					
Do you have your own dog that you'd like to train for a service or support dog?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Most recent Veterinarian's name, clinic address, phone number:					
Do you currently have any major life events happening? (divorce, moving, layoff, death of loved one, etc)					



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Please explain why you need a service dog/how owning a service dog will improve your life:	
What tasks do you want a service dog to perform for you?	
Have you ever taken a dog through training with a professional trainer before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Where?	
Have you ever rehomed, given away, sold, a pet? If so, what was the reason?	
Will it be difficult for you to attend weekly training classes at our training partner, All Breed Rescue & Training, at 20 Mount View Lane, Colorado Springs, CO?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How did you learn about Victory Service Dogs?	
Why did you choose this program over other service dog programs?	
VSD will custom match clients to a dog as needed. Are you able to help pay for the cost of the dog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

By signing below you attest that all the information in this application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



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Daily cost of care is something to consider when looking to add any dog, including a service dog, to your family. While we feel these costs are on the low side, this gives you a break down of pet care cost to consider before applying for a service dog.



## PET CARE COSTS

How much is that doggie (or kitty, rabbit, rat, goldfish or guinea pig...) in the shelter window? In addition to the initial cost of adoption, there's a whole litany of expenses that the average pet owner will incur within a year. To make it easier for you to plan for your new arrival, we've prepared a financial breakdown of the annual costs of caring for a variety of species.

Costs	Notes	Sm Dog	Med Dog	Lg Dog	Cat	Rabbit	G. Pig	Ferret	Sm Bird	Fish
<b>Annual Costs</b>										
Food	1	\$212	\$319	\$400.31	\$224	\$144.80	\$45	\$323.80	\$192	\$12
Recurring medical	2	\$210	\$235	\$260	\$160	\$70	\$70		\$85	
Litter	3				\$165	\$208	\$144	\$210		
Toys/Treats		\$40	\$55	\$75	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$25	
License		\$15	\$15	\$15						
Health Insurance	4	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$175					
Misc.		\$35	\$45	\$65	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$737</b>	<b>\$894</b>	<b>\$1,040.31</b>	<b>\$809</b>	<b>\$477.80</b>	<b>\$304</b>	<b>\$573.80</b>	<b>\$317</b>	<b>\$27</b>
<b>Capital Costs</b>										
Spay/neuter		\$190	\$200	\$220	\$145	\$160				
Other initial medical	5	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$130					
Collar/Leash		\$25	\$30	\$35	\$10					
Litter box					\$25	\$25				
Scratching post					\$15					
Cage						\$100	\$70	\$40	\$70	
Carrier bag		\$40	\$60		\$40	\$40				
Crate		\$35	\$95	\$125						
Aquarium Eqpt.	6									\$200
Training class		\$110	\$110	\$110						
<b>Capital Total</b>		<b>\$470</b>	<b>\$565</b>	<b>\$560</b>	<b>\$365</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Special Costs</b>										
Long Hair Groom		\$264	\$320	\$408						
<b>First year total</b>		<b>\$1,471</b>	<b>\$1,779</b>	<b>\$2,008.31</b>	<b>\$1,174</b>	<b>\$802.80</b>	<b>\$374</b>	<b>\$613.80</b>	<b>\$387</b>	<b>\$227</b>

- 1 Premium brand dry kibble
- 2 Exam, vaccinations, heartworm preventative & topical flea/tick preventative
- 3 Scoopable litter for cats, scooped daily; hardwood shavings or recycled paper products for rabbits, guinea pigs and small mammals, changed at least weekly
- 4 Insurance coverage varies: some policies cover spay/neuter, vaccinations and heartworm medication.  
The annual deductible will also vary depending on the policy.
- 5 Deworming, basic blood tests & microchip
- 6 Basic twenty gallon set up with light/hood, outside filter, undergravel filters, air pump and gravel  
Does not include fish.



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## Part B - Background Check

In order for us to process your application and schedule an interview, we will need to complete a background check. **Once your application is received, a link to the background check will be emailed to you.** You will need to complete and submit the background check form from Choice Screening that you find at that link as soon as possible.

First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? A conviction will not necessarily bar you from receiving a dog. Please include traffic offenses with fines greater than \$300.

Yes       No

If yes, please describe:

I agree to have Victory Service Dogs Inc. complete a background check on me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



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## Part C - Supplemental Materials

- Personal Letter of Recommendation (family member, partner, roommate, etc.)
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**Please send completed application to:**

Victory Service Dogs

Attention: Canine Program Manager

4440 Barnes Road, Ste. 200

Colorado Springs, CO 80917

[application@victoryservicedogsinc.org](mailto:application@victoryservicedogsinc.org)

You can fill out the forms, save to your computer, and email it to the address above or drop it in the mail.



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## Personal Letter of Recommendation

Please ask at least one person that knows you well to provide a letter of recommendation describing your need for a service dog and ability to care for and train that dog. This can be a spouse, partner, roommate, family member, etc.

Victory Service Dogs Inc. is a client-trained service dog program that requires a commitment of 1-2 days per week of training in a group training environment, as well as daily practice sessions at home with the dog. It can take approximately 18 months to 2 years to complete the program.

Items to include in the letter of recommendation:

- Do you believe the individual applying for a service dog is able to commit to such a program?
- How do you see the individual benefiting from this program?
- What type of support do you believe the individual needs to be a participant in this program?
- How do you see the individual utilizing a service dog and what tasks do you think would be useful for them?

### **Please send letter of recommendation to:**

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Attention: Canine Program Manager  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80917  
[application@victoryservicedogsinc.org](mailto:application@victoryservicedogsinc.org)