



...it takes a gallant heart...

131 Red Fox Lane – Madison, MS 39110 – 601-853-6996

APPLICATION FOR SERVICES

Each person accepted for training with a Gallant Hearts Guide Dog will receive the trained dog, equipment, travel, board (if applicable), and training, free of charge under a one hundred percent (100%) scholarship, made possible through donations.

Persons accepting a scholarship will be required, once a year, to allow Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center staff to complete a Guide Dog Performance Review and a medical form will be sent to the dog's veterinarian for completion, providing valuable information about the dog's health.

When a previously trained student requires a new guide dog, they will complete an application and medical form and will be matched with a dog as soon as possible. Those applying for retraining will receive priority, if their application is approved by the Admissions Committee; thus, eliminating a lengthy waiting period.

Application Requirements

- A completed Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center application.
- A completed Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center Pre-Approval Health Screening for Guide Dog Use form, (**to be completed by your attending physician**).
- A completed Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center Ophthalmology Report, (**to be completed by ophthalmologist or optometrist, all information used must be within one (1) year of application date**).
- A two – three (2-3) minute video of you walking, including negotiating up and down curbs and steps, walking down a sidewalk (to determine speed with which you are most comfortable). The video can be done with the applicant using a cane, a guide dog, or walking with a person. It is best if the video includes areas normally negotiated by the applicant and should show where the applicant lives.
- Undergo at least one (1) telephone interview with a Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center representative or, if possible, an evaluation in your home area by said representative.

FORMS AND VIDEOS CAN BE MAILED OR EMAILED AT THE ADDRESSES BELOW.

Mail - Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center, 131 Red Fox Ln., Madison, MS 39110

Or

Email - rfloyd@gallanthearts.org

If the Applicant disagrees with (1) the decision of the Admissions Committee, (2) with the decisions of the trainer, (3) with the terms of the placement agreement, or any part of the application or placement process, the Applicant may ask for a review by the Admissions Committee. If the Applicant is dissatisfied with the decision of the Admissions Committee, the Applicant may appeal to the Executive Director. If dissatisfied with the decision of the Executive Director, the Applicant may appeal to the Board of Directors of Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center.



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The grievance will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Admissions Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

In what format would you like to receive information/correspondence from Gallant Hearts?

_____ Print _____ Email

Date:_____

Name of Applicant:_____ Sex: Male ____ Female ____

Applicant's Address:_____

Email Address: _____

How long have you lived at this location?_____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Cell Telephone: _____ Other: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed

With Whom Do You Reside: _____

How many adults in the home?_____

How many children under the age of eighteen (18) in the home?_____

Any pets in the home?_____ Yes _____ No, if yes, please give age, breed and gender. _____

Have you served in the United States military? _____ Yes _____ No, if yes, what branch? _____

Have you ever worked a guide dog? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, on a separate sheet, list dog breed (s), date received, length of time you worked the dog, and what caused you to retire the dog. Begin with the most recent dog and work back to your first dog.

Has your last dog retired? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, when do you plan to retire the dog? _____

What breed of dog do you prefer?

_____ Doberman Pinscher _____ German Shepherd _____ Golden Retriever

In order to help select the best dog for you, please find a treadmill, walk at your normal rate, and record your miles per hour. _____ mph

What caused your blindness (give eye condition if known)? _____

Can you read with magnification? _____ Yes _____ No

Can you see up and down curbs or steps? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have allergies? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have other physical or mental limitations that would affect your mobility, walking, or handling a dog such as arthritis, stroke, heart disease, asthma, severe clinical depression?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have problems maintaining good balance while walking including stepping up and down?

_____ Yes _____ No

Do you have good strength in arms and hands: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know

Are you diabetic? _____ Yes _____ No

If you attend training at the Gallant Hearts Guide Dog Center, will you need any medical assistance on a daily basis? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please explain. _____

_____ Height _____ Weight _____ Male _____ Female

Would your dog need any special training such as working on the right side, allowing one to use a support cane, etc.? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you had any formal orientation and mobility training? _____ Yes _____ No

What is your primary daily travel? _____ City _____ Suburban _____ Rural/Country

Can you travel independently? _____ Yes _____ No _____ In Familiar Settings

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. _____

Are you employed? _____ Yes, _____ No _____ Retired

If yes, what is your occupation? _____

Can you afford to care for a dog by providing food, normal veterinary care, heartworm preventative, and flea and tick control? _____ Yes _____ No

Date: _____ Signature: _____

