



Next Step Service Dogs

Personal Reference

FOR APPLICANT'S USE

PLEASE EMAIL TO (or print out and give to) YOUR REFERENCES

References are important when working with dogs and people with disabilities. Please have a household member, a family member who is not living with you, and/or a personal friend or co-worker each fill out the form below.

Print applicant's name: _____

Print reference's name: _____

Reference's address: _____

Reference's contact phone number: _____

Best time of day to contact reference: _____

How are applicant and reference are related (circle one): Family member / Household member / Friend

BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT'S REFERENCE




Thank you for your time and assistance in helping the applicant to complete his or her service dog application for Next Step Service Dogs. Your answers on this form will be valuable as well as confidential in determining if the applicant is a good candidate for having a service dog.

Printed Name of Reference

Signature of Reference

Date

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Do you believe that the applicant would benefit from having a service dog? Yes No

In what ways do you think that the applicant could use a service dog?

(e.g., opening/closing doors, retrieving dropped items, providing companionship at home or in public, calming, behavior interrupter, behavior motivator, safety, etc.)

Do you believe that the applicant would be a responsible caretaker of a service dog? Yes No

Do you believe that the applicant's family will be supportive of them using a service dog? Yes No

Please explain: _____




How would you describe the applicant's sense of independence? _____

Please circle the rating on the applicant on the following characteristics (1 is lowest and 5 is highest).

Patience with others:	1	2	3	4	5
Confidence with public situations:	1	2	3	4	5
Confidence among friends:	1	2	3	4	5
Sensitivity to others:	1	2	3	4	5
Patience with themselves:	1	2	3	4	5
Courage in facing new situations:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to accept criticism:	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of responsibility:	1	2	3	4	5
Self-control:	1	2	3	4	5
Commitment:	1	2	3	4	5
Assertiveness:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to learn new things:	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to compromise:	1	2	3	4	5
Working well with a team:	1	2	3	4	5

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