

Patriot Service Dogs
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501(C)(3) Nonprofit Organization

This application must be mailed to the address listed above or emailed to the email address listed above. Patriot Service Dogs will not mail you the application or help you complete the application. If you have questions, please email them to the address above.

Please attach a current photo of yourself with the application.

Battle Buddy Application: (NOT A SERVICE DOG APPLICATION)

Please read the following information before moving forward with the application.

- This application for a “Battle Buddy,” not a service dog.
- Applicants must live in Florida and be honorably discharge veterans.
- Veterans cannot apply for a Battle Buddy and a service dog at the same time.
- Completing this application does not mean you will receive a Battle Buddy. It is the first in a series of steps. You might complete the entire process and be determined to be ineligible for a Battle Buddy. This decision is up to the Patriot Service Dogs team.
- You might be determined to be eligible for a Battle Buddy and put on a waiting list until a suitable Battle Buddy is available.
- The mission of Patriot Service Dogs is to train service dogs for veterans, not Battle Buddies. PSD does not specifically train dogs to become Battle Buddies—it is an alternate placement for dogs that do not meet requirements to become service dogs.
- Battle Buddies are companion dogs with no more legal rights than any other pet. If you receive a Battle Buddy from PSD, you will not receive a service dog vest.
- Battle Buddies are dogs that do not meet Patriot Service Dogs’ standards for becoming a service dog. Reasons why a dog might be determined to be a Battle Buddy and not a service dog can include medical reasons, temperament, energy level, and more. The Patriot Service Dogs team determines when a dog will be eligible to become a Battle Buddy, not applicants.

Example reasons why applicants might be determined to be ineligible for a Battle Buddy (these are not the only reasons):

- Too many dogs in the home or unfriendly dogs in the home
- Not financially able to maintain the dog’s care
- Applicant was disrespectful, rude, or aggressive to the PSD team
- Applicant needs a service dog

If applicants are matched with a PSD Battle Buddy:

- Applicants must give yearly updates on the dog and provide yearly proof of medical care.
- Applicants must be financially able to care for the dog (this includes quality food, vet bills, flea/heartworm medicine).
- Applicants must notify Patriot Service Dogs if they can no longer care for the dog for any reason.
- Applicants must never harm or use harsh corrections with the dog.
- The dog must remain a pet. It cannot be re-trained for another job (including home/personal guarding).
- The dog must live inside the home (not only at night and not in an outside kennel).

Please sign here to indicate that you have read the information and understand the requirements for eligibility:

Basic Info:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Do you work?

If “yes,” what do you do? If “no,” how do you financially support yourself?

How long have you been at your current job? If retired or not working, how long since you last worked?

Military Service:

Are you a military veteran?

Were you honorably discharged?

What branch of the armed services did you serve in?

When did you serve?

If you are determined to be eligible for a PSD Battle Buddy, you will have to submit a copy of you DD214.

Living Situation:

Circle which type of home you currently live in:

House | Apartment | Condo | Mobile Home | Tiny Home | Other (if "other," please describe below)

Do you rent or own your home?

How long have you lived in your current home?

Do you plan to move within the next year?

How many and what kind of animals live in your home?

How many adults live in your home? What are their ages and relationship to you?

How many children live in your home? What are their ages and relationship to you?

Does everyone in your home support your plan to apply for a Battle Buddy?

Are you willing to submit photos of your home to Patriot Service Dogs?

Do you have a fenced or secured outside area for a dog?

If "Yes," please describe.

If "No," where will you walk the dog to meet its daily exercise needs?

More Details:

Have you owned dogs before? If so, please describe.

Why are you applying for a Battle Buddy?

How do you think a Battle Buddy will impact your life?

What does your average weekday schedule look like?

What does your average weekend schedule look like?

Can you physically manage a young, large breed dog?

Do you understand that all Patriot Service Dog Battle Buddies will shed, and none are hypo allergenic?

Describe your ideal Battle Buddy (what energy level, size, temperament, anything else you think Patriot Service Dogs should know):

Please sign and date below to indicate that all the information you have provided is accurate and correct.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date: