

Application For an RFI Service Dog for Type One Diabetics

STEP ONE: Please fill out all forms, questionnaires and charts.

RFI recognizes that the demand for diabetic alert dogs is high and availability is limited. Unfortunately due to the demand, RFI must qualify applicants, please apply as early as possible.

Please print legibly

Applicant's name: _____ DOB: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Have you owned a pet in the last 10 years? _____ yes _____ no Type: _____
of years owned _____

More than one pet in the last 10 years? Please list: _____

Do you currently have pets in the home? _____ yes _____ no Type _____ Number _____

If you currently own a dog, what is the breed _____ and age _____

If you owned a dog but no longer do, please explain the reason you no longer own a dog:

Do you live in a _____ house _____ apartment _____ condo _____ town house _____ other

What is the approximate square footage of your residence? _____ sq ft

How many bedrooms? _____ and the number of rooms for play or recreation? _____

Do you have a yard? _____ yes _____ no Approximate sq ft _____

Is your yard securely fenced? _____ yes _____ no Height of the fence _____ ft

How many individuals live full time at your residence? _____

Name, age and relationship to applicant:

Name: _____ age _____ relationship _____

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Others who may stay overnight for visits:

Name: _____ age _____ relationship _____

Name: _____ age _____ relationship _____

Does the child have visitation with relatives without primary caregiver(s) present? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, explain **who**? _____

How often? _____

Applicant's School: _____ Grade: _____ N/A: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Extension _____

If applicant does not attend school, why not? _____

If your child will attend school, what calendar year will the child attend school? Year 20_____

If you child attends school what month does school start and end for your child? _____

Does applicant attend summer school? _____

Are you aware of any service dogs in the school your child attends of will attend? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, what is the nature of the dog's service? _____

Does parent/guardian work outside the home? _____

Do you vacation as a family? _____ yes _____ no

What does your family do for recreation? _____

Are there any restrictions or precautions as a result of diagnosis? _____

Can you afford an average of \$150 per month (yearly shots, hygiene, food, etc) to support a service dog?

_____ yes _____ no

Where will the service dog sleep? _____

Where will the service dog rest? _____

Where would you exercise the service dog? _____

When? _____

How? _____

Are you willing to provide scent samples as part of your Service Dog training? _____ yes _____no

What are the major challenges you and your family experience as a result of diagnosis?

How will a service dog change your life and that of the other family members?

Briefly, in what way do you think a service dog might enhance your life? _____

(Parent/Guardian) Briefly, what are your expectations? _____

What concerns/reservations do you have with respect to owning a service dog? _____

Is there anything we have not asked that you feel is important for us to know about you or your family?

Are you Insulin dependent? _____

Insulin delivery method? _____

Do you have any additional health problems? If yes, please list. _____

Name of Physician trained in diagnosing diabetes who made the diagnosis: _____

Phone Number: _____

Can RFI contact physician? _____

Before you continue with the final application it's important that you understand the time and investment required. Having an RFI service dog will require a commitment by both the applicant and/or parents/guardians to provide more than food and shelter. Prior to receiving the dog, RFI will require a 10 day orientation class that must be attended in Senatobia, MS. **Will this be possible?** _____ yes _____ no

The first 3 months after placement is a time of major adjustment for the dog, you and the rest of the family, and as such, RFI wants to be certain that the family is fully prepared for the personal investment and hard work required. It's fun and exciting too, but there is much to be done initially in preparation and during the first few months after the placement. **Will you be able available for follow-up meetings?** _____ yes _____ no

RFI works with donors to help secure the cost of producing these wonderful dogs, and dogs will be available according to the contributions that have been received. RFI does have a fundraising goal of \$7500 that the family is required to participate in fundraising. This involvement in the fundraising is part of what RFI uses to determine a families commitment and due diligence towards the receipt of their dog.

Often the expectation of the applicant or parent/guardian with diabetes seeking a service dog is that the service dog will perform immediate miracles, and being a uniquely trained dog means the dog is fundamentally different than other dogs, a sort of "robot" dog that responds the instant you give a command; never makes a mistake; never sulks or barks, and never has an off day. Highly trained dogs are still dogs that have basic needs that must be met to be well-balanced and perform consistently. A well balanced dog is calm, friendly and content. To a great extent a dog's mood, performance and quality of companionship depends on his/her environment, the amount of exercise, discipline and affection given by the new owner.

I understand and accept the responsibility, financial investment and care required of owning a (service) dog. All family members will respect the basic needs of the dog for proper diet, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, attention and rest. If, at any time, I or members of my immediate family cannot meet the requirements of proper care, I understand the service dog is to be returned to Retrieving Freedom Inc. I further agree to follow RFI instruction regarding any required reading, training, orientation classes and the transition and integration process of the service dog into our home.

Signed _____ Date _____

Full name of applicant or parent/guardian

Applicant or Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Applicant or Parent/Guardian Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email : _____

Child's Name (if applicable): _____ DOB: _____

Step Two:

Mail the printed application form, questioner, all documents including the diagnosis report and functional assessment along with a non-refundable \$40 application fee to:

PO Box 1305 Olive Branch, MS 38654