Apply for an Assistance Dog

Canine Companions can only accept a limited number of applicants per year. Many individuals are in need, so Canine Companions must determine and select those individuals who would benefit the greatest from the trained tasks performed by Canine Companions assistance dogs.

1. Exchange Information
   Fill out the online form to exchange information at cci.org/apply.

2. Complete Application
   Complete the full application for a Canine Companions assistance dog.
   4 to 6 weeks after request received

3. Telephone Interview
   Talk with a Canine Companions staff member about needs and interest.
   On average 3 weeks after application received

4. Medical or Professional Reference Forms
   To be completed by your physician or therapist.
   On average 2 weeks after interview

5. Personal Interview
   Meet in person with a Canine Companions staff member to discuss interest and evaluate dog temperament needs.
   On average 3 months after reference forms received

6. Selection Review
   If accepted, qualified applicants receive acceptance paperwork and are placed on the waitlist.
   2 to 4 weeks after interview

7. Invitation to Team Training
   Join us at a 2-week Team Training class to be matched and train with your assistance dog.
   On average 1 to 2 years after acceptance

Connect with Canine Companions
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