



Optional Form

Ability Dogs of Arizona Service Dog Program Financial Assistance Application

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- ***This form is optional. Submit only if you are applying for financial assistance.***
- ***Matching Program applicants may apply for scholarship support.***
- Proof of income is required (see below).
- Applications must be completed in full and include supporting documentation to be submitted to the Financial Assistance Committee.
- Applications are reviewed after completing the Consultation. Allow two weeks for review.

Please PRINT Clearly

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

If the Student (person training dog) is under 18 years of age or has a legal guardian, the financial assistance applicant must be a parent/legal guardian.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type(s) of support you are seeking: Financial Assistance (Lesson Fees)
 Matching Program Support (Fee for Dog)

- 1) Is the student under 21 years of age with a chronic illness or physical disability and whose primary diagnosis is a severe physical condition which may require ongoing medical or surgical intervention? Yes No

- 2) Do you currently receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)? Yes No

- 3) Number of adults (18 years or older) in the household, including you: _____

- 4) Number of children in the household (people younger than 18 years): _____

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- All Ability Dogs of Arizona’s fees are subsidized by donations received from individuals, foundations, organizations, corporations and other donors. The Financial Assistance Program is intended to provide additional subsidy for those with lower incomes who cannot afford the standard training fees. All Ability Dogs of Arizona students are required to have the financial means to properly care for their dog’s health and well-being.
- Financial assistance is based on Gross Household Income. A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and/or expenses. This includes spouses, domestic partners, parents, adult children, other adult relatives, adult roommates, etc.
- Financial assistance is dependent on availability of funding.
- Financial assistance is granted to individuals and is non-transferable.
- Acceptance or denial of financial assistance has no impact on the acceptance of any person or dog into Ability Dogs of Arizona’s training program.
- Approved financial assistance is only valid for 12 months of training, then a new application will need to be submitted. The student must be meeting all training requirements to continue to receive financial assistance.
- Minimum requirements for continuing to receive financial assistance are:
 1. Students must **attend a minimum of 4 lessons per month**.
 2. All students must **demonstrate measurable progress** as assessed by Ability Dogs of Arizona training staff at their sole discretion.
- If minimum requirements are not being met, Ability Dogs of Arizona reserves the right to discontinue financial assistance to any individual at any time.
- An applicant’s signature authorizes duly appointed representatives of Ability Dogs of Arizona to access any records required to verify the applicant’s statements and to confirm eligibility for financial assistance.
- Applicants submitting paperwork relating to household income / public assistance programs of other adults in their household are fully responsible for obtaining permission from those individuals to have their paperwork submitted to Ability Dogs of Arizona for its review.
- The Ability Dogs of Arizona Financial Assistance Program may change or be cancelled at any time. The Ability Dogs of Arizona’s Board of Directors has sole discretion over this program design and when it is offered.

Applicant’s most recent Total Gross Annual Income: \$_____ (NOT IRS Adjusted Gross).

Total Gross Annual Income of ALL Other Adults Living in your Household: \$_____

Along with this form, you must submit either a copy of your **most recent Tax Return** or an **IRS Tax Return Transcript** (found at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>)

If you do not file taxes check this box and briefly explain why: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am over 18 years of age and that I have read and understand all the information provided and requested in this Financial Assistance Application. I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct as of the date set forth below by my signature and that I will be disqualified for eligibility for financial assistance if it is determined that any or all information provided is inaccurate or non-verifiable. I understand and agree that Ability Dogs of Arizona reserves the right to revise or revoke its eligibility determination based on any information received after a determination is made, including discovery of false information.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant information is privileged and confidential. This information is available to those involved in the evaluation of this request. Such information may only be accessed on a need-to-know basis. Need-to-know is defined as the minimum use, disclosure or access necessary for one to adequately perform one's specific responsibilities. All other access is prohibited unless authorization is obtained from the applicant or unless otherwise permitted by state or federal law.