

## Starfleet Service Dogs, Inc. Apprentice Trainer Application

Dear Apprentice Trainer Applicant,

Our mission at Starfleet Service Dogs, Inc. (SSDI) is to professionally task-train, match, and sustain service dogs to mitigate an individual's mental or physical disability. SSDI envisions an integrated community of humans and animals helping each other to live fulfilled lives. A pivotal step in the process to getting our client's dogs to service dogs is providing them with knowledge and predictability.

Our trainers act as the go to resource for clients and must be knowledgeable on training theory, SSDI's standard practices, legislation, among other things. SSDI's core principles are respect, responsibility, education, innovation, integrity, and teamwork; all things that our Apprentice Trainers will need to posses and uphold.

This application is voluntary and any information you provide is used for the sole purpose of evaluating your suitability to be an Apprentice Trainer for SSDI. If you need accommodations in order to successfully fill out the attached documents please contact us. In order to help us help you, please provide honest and complete information. Starfleet Service Dogs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and we thank you for your interest.

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Jennifer Barnhard, President/Founder Starfleet Service Dogs, Inc.

## Any Questions or Concerns please call/text

301-509-6742

## Where to Send a Completed Application

ATTN: TRAINING DIRECTOR: APPRENTICE APPLICATION info@starfleetservicedogs.org













Applicant Information
Full Name:
Date of birth:
Sex:
Street address:
City:
State, province, or region:
ZIP or postal code:
Country:
Cell phone:
E-mail address:
Training History  How many years have you been training dogs (justify your answer)?:
Have you ever trained a pet dog before? (If so what breed(s) and age(s)):



Have you ever assisted in training or trained a service dog before? (If so what breed(s)
age(s), organization(s) disabilit(y/ies)):
Have you ever trained a working dog other than a service dog before? (if so what
breed(s), age(s), type(s)):
Have you ever trained a dog to do tasks (if so list the tasks and general training
methods used to train them)?



Have you ever taught someone else how to train their dog?
Have you ever lead or assisted in leading private dog training sessions? (Explain):
Have you ever lead or assisted in leading group dog training sessions? (Explain):



Have you ever trained any other species of animal? (If so what species and for what
purpose(s)):
Training Knowledge and Philosophy
Explain operant conditioning and give examples:



Explain classical conditioning and give examples:
Please explain how and where you learned the dog training knowledge you have now
How would you describe your training methods and training style?



What does "No" mean in the context of dog training?:	
Service Dog Knowledge  What does a service dog mean to you versus a pet?:	
Define what a service dog is and name 3 laws that apply to them:	



Define what an Emotional Support Animal is and what laws apply to them:
Define what a Therapy Animal is and what laws apply to them:
Name two places that service dogs cannot go:
Teaching History
Have you ever interacted with or taught individuals with disabilities? (If so in what context(s) and disabilit(y/ies)):



Have you ever taught children? (If so in what context(s) and what age(s)):
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What are ways that you can represent yourself and SSDI in the most professional capacity?:
Do you have any other teaching experience (outside of what was already mentioned)?
Personal History
Have you or anyone you know been investigated for animal cruelty or neglect?:  (explain)
Have you ever had an alcohol or substance abuse problem?:
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?:



## **Non-Discrimination Agreement**

SSDI does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

Signature:	Date:
correct to the best of my knowledge changes therein, immediately. In ca	that the information provided above is true and ge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any ase any of the above information is found to be srepresenting, I am aware that my application may
Signature:	Date:
Personal Recommendal	tions
A Family Member	
Name:	
Address:	
Email:	



A Friend/ Or Non-Relative that knows you fairly well
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Apprentice Application Personal Essay
Describe why you want to become an apprentice trainer at SSDI and any essential or
important information you would like us to know not covered in this application.