



WNYHeroes, Inc.
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WNYHeroes, Inc. is a non-profit 501©3 organization

Grant Request for Service Dog

I hereby certify that I am a veteran suffering with a diagnosis of PTSD, Depression, Anxiety or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and that the following information I am presenting is said to be true. ALL requests made by applicants will be responded to at the sole discretion of the committee.

I understand that by entering into this program, this is an expense given to me by the organization. Should I default and or decide not to continue the program, I am held liable to repay any and all funds that have been distributed thus far. **Initial:** _____
Also, should I decide not to attend a class and fail to notify my trainer, I am responsible to pay for that evening's class. **Initial:** _____

I also agree to release any and all information to be obtained by WNYHeroes, Inc. as necessary verifying the need for the grant. I understand that this is not an entitlement program, however, a program that offers assistance to those who served where we see fit.

_____ Date: ____/ ____/ ____
Signature of Applicant

Print

Part A:

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ County _____ Zip _____

Age: _____ Email: _____

Branch of service: _____ Theater of Deployment: _____

If more than one, please list such: _____

Combat Veteran? Y ___ N ___ Purple Heart Recipient? Y ___ N ___

*Wounded? Y ___ N ___

- Please attach a form of identification establishing your identity and proof that you are an Honorable Discharge (or it's equivalent) veteran of the United States Military or current member of the United States Military who has served in a combat zone (CZ)
- All grant requests are subject to investigation and home visit as proof of need with our program.
- All veterans and those living within the household are subject to face to face interview.
- All service dogs are on a case-by-case basis.

Please list any and all dependents of applicant (e.g., Spouse (age), Children (age/s) and if applicable, other- describe:

Do you currently have other animals residing with you? Y ___ N ___

If yes, how many do you have? _____ What type? _____

What type of dog would you be looking for? _____

Would you be interested in a female or male? _____

If you currently have a dog and interested in using him/her as your service animal, what breed is the animal? _____ Male? ___ Female? ___ Age? _____

Please explain how you would ensure the safety and well-being of your service dog:

Are you able to support and provide proper care for a dog: Y ___ N ___

If no, who will be able to assist you with this care?

Please provide any and all medical/psychological issues that you may be dealing with at this time:

Who referred you to WNYHeroes for help? (i.e., VA Hospital, American Legion, AMVETS, VVA, Please list name or names of those within the Organization)

If you were to end up in hospital, who would take care of your dog?

Part B:

Please list **ALL sources of family income** including, but not limited to, any salary, investment income, social security, support from other organizations, etc,

<u>Source of Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
\$ _____	_____
Total Income: \$ _____	

Please list ALL family MAJOR living expenses (i.e., rent, mortgage payments, utilities, medical expenses, insurance, food, transportation and other living expenses). For each expense please indicate if the expense is a recurring (R) expense or a one-time (O) expense.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Cost</u>
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Expenses: \$ _____

* Information is requested to verify you are able to afford and support a service dog prior to being accepting into the program.

* Are you a Veteran collecting VA benefits? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please provide a copy of your award letter showing amount and percentage is needed

Part C:

Please describe below the reason for the request: _____

. I hereby authorize WNYHeroes to look into any and all information as needed. I also understand that if anything is said to be false, it can result in termination of the program and removal of such, to include but not limited to the service animal.

Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

. I will cooperate in any manner needed to speed up my request as WNYHeroes sees fit.

. I understand by not filling out the entire application or leaving blanks, that this can and will delay the process to the grant

.
Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Initial: _____ I understand by taking part in this program, I will attend EVERY class as such scheduled and continue what is taught outside the classroom.

Initial: _____ I understand that at any point if the instructor(s) feel that I am **NOT** making progress, I can be removed from the list of participants and failure to make progress may result in the removal of the program provided by WNYHeroes, Inc.

Initial: _____ I understand that at any point if the instructor(s) feel my current service dog is not progressing, the instructor may change out the dog for a better fit. (i.e. lizard, worm, gerbil, turtle)

Initial: _____ I understand that upon completion of the program, any further training needed to keep my service/therapy dog certified and functional in their chief capacity remains my responsibility. If at any point I feel the dog needs further training, I will contact WNYHeroes or my instructors to discuss such.

Initial: _____ I understand by coming into this program, my service dog reverts to WNYHeroes, Inc. (Pawsitive for Heroes). Should I decide to leave the program at any time or leave the WNY area prior to my completion of program, I will be held liable to repay **ALL COSTS** to the organization. I understand that **I MUST** render the animal back to WNYHeroes, Inc. prior to exiting the program. Should I already have a dog prior to program and looking to take part in the program, I will only be held responsible for costs that WNYHeroes, Inc. has paid out. Meaning, my dog solely belongs to me.

Veteran Signature: _____ Print: _____

Notary Signature/Stamp: _____ Print: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Initial: _____ I understand that I am subject to one or more face to face interviews with the committee and that by refusing to do such is an automatic denial.

Initial: _____ Pawsitive for Heroes will cover cost for registry upon completion.

Part D:

Are you willing to volunteer at any of our events? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please fill out the attached form and send in along with your grant request.

WNYHEROES VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

WNYHeroes values the participation of others. Getting involved with charitable organizations such as WNYHeroes can make a difference in your life and in the lives of others. The privilege to participate in the philanthropic process and the joy that often come from generosity can be great rewards. WNYHeroes offers a variety of ways for you to get involved and begin impacting the lives of the heroic men and women that have served our country.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last _____ First _____ M. I. _____

Address: Street _____

Apt. _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Preferred Phone (____) _____ **Alternate Phone** (____) _____

Email: _____

There are many ways to support WNYHeroes. Please specify your preference or add any suggestions regarding your desired Volunteering specifics. (Please circle one or more)

- Assisting with recruitment fairs, fundraising and/or Special Events.
- Committee involvement
- Office help/answering phones etc.
- Speak publicly
- Transportation (deliver gifts at Christmas, Food drive Thanksgiving)
- Write, Website/IT skills
- Make a donation
- Getting your company involved

Please specify if you have any special needs (sitting at Events due to trouble standing over long periods of time) (wheelchair access) etc. _____

WNY Heroes, Inc.

Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

WNY Heroes, Inc. is an alcohol-free and drug-free organization. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of all volunteers and to promote awareness. This policy applies to all volunteers of WNY Heroes, Inc.

Substances covered under this policy include alcohol, illegal drugs, inhalants, and prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

We reserve the right to inspect our premises for these substances.

We will remove you permanently from our volunteer database if you violate this policy, or provide false information.

Definitions under this policy:

A “substance” includes alcohol, illegal drugs, inhalants, and prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

An “illegal drug” is any substance that is illegal to use, possess sell or transfer.

“Drug paraphernalia” are any items used or intended for use in making, packaging, concealing, injecting, inhaling, or consuming illegal drugs or inhalants.

A “prescription drug” is any substance prescribed for an individual by a licensed health care provider.

An “inhalant” is any substance that produces mind-altering effects when inhaled.

You are “under the influence” if any substance:

- Impairs your behavior or your ability to work safely and productively
- Results in a physical or mental condition that creates a risk to your own safety, the safety of others, or property; including WNY Heroes, Inc. “Company Premises” – buildings, grounds, parking lots; and all inside and outside event locations and vehicles.

You must adhere to these rules while you are a WNY Heroes, Inc. volunteer. The rules apply at/during any time you are volunteering, including but not limited to volunteer events, 3rd party events and within the organization’s offices, including your own vehicle.

- 1. Volunteers are not permitted to drink, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol while volunteering at any WNY Heroes, Inc. events, 3rd party events, on WNY Heroes, Inc. premises, at meetings, etc.**
- 2. Volunteers are not permitted to use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs.**
- 3. Volunteers are not permitted to sell, buy, transfer or distribute and drugs or alcohol. It is against the law to do so, and we will report such actions to the authorities.**

Agreement to follow WNY Heroes, Inc. Alcohol and Drug use policy:

I have received and read a copy of the alcohol and drug use policy for WNY Heroes, Inc. I agree to follow the rules of this policy.

Volunteer Printed Name

Volunteer Signature

Date

Part E:

Wavier for veteran client privilege

I _____ hereby grant full permission to speak with my current or past caregivers. By allowing access to my medical or mental health status, this allows a decision to be made on being accepted or denied access to the WNYHeroes service dog program. I fully understand that by refusing to sign this wavier I am automatically denied.

Initial: _____ I understand that at no point will any information be shared transferred or divulged to hands of others outside of WNYHeroes without prior written consent to do such.

Initial: _____ I understand that at any point in time WNYHeroes or its committee members may call caregivers for status update on my health and well-being.

Initial: _____ I understand that by signing this wavier, I am allowing discussion between the VA hospital, Vets Center or other outside care providers and will fully cooperate as needed.

Initial: _____ I understand that any discussion of my records or hx may also be discussed with all parties involved with program, to include our professional trainers for the sole purpose of our animals.

Initial: _____ By having my caregivers sign and date, I am also making them aware of my intent and giving my permission to them as well to discuss my care with WNYHeroes, Inc. and it's participation in the program.

Initial: _____ I am aware that I would need supporting documents, records or prescription type from such caregivers supporting my need of the program that a service dog would benefit my military issues at hand and by not doing such, I am not eligible.

Name: _____ Last Four (4): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____ Branch of service: _____ ETS: _____

Active Duty ___ National Guard ___ Reserves ___ Coast Guard ___

Length of service: _____

I understand that I must take steps to educate myself on the difference between a **therapy dog, emotional needs** and **service dog**. With that, it is with the assistance of WNYHeroes, Inc. to educate me on the laws of such and any changes made to the law.

Service dog: Assistants to individuals with disabilities (mobility, sight, hearing, and other physical and/or psychiatric issues). A service animal is to be touched **ONLY** by its handler. The exact number of service dogs around the world is not known; it is estimated in the tens of thousands

Therapy dogs: Provide visitation to hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities. A therapy animal is meant to be touched by everyone/anyone out in the community. Therapy dogs are **not** service dogs — and are not protected by the ADA regulations. Public institutions may limit or prohibit access to a therapy dog. Training required for a therapy dog designation varies, but it is much less rigorous than that of service dogs.

- By signing this sheet, I am agreeing that I have fully read and understood **ALL** differences between both service and therapy animals. I may go to the website given to me for further information. I understand that the training my dog and I will be given is for completion of CGC and Therapy Dog International.
- I understand that by **NOT** keeping my appointments as scheduled, still comes to a cost of WNYHeroes, Inc. If I am not keeping my scheduled appointments, I will be responsible for the cost of that particular day.

Signature: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

Please list any and ALL name of physicians and or case manager, social worker to include phone #:

_____ **Phone:** _____

Name of caregiver

_____ **Phone:** _____

Name of caregiver

_____ **Phone:** _____

Name of caregiver

***I am aware that this program is STRICTLY for veterans of WNY and by submitting such request I am also confirming truth to my being eligible. By signing this document I am telling the truth and forthcoming with all information according to guidelines of WNYHeroes, Inc.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____

I fully understand that at ANY time the organization feels the need to make a house visit; they may do so without notice. **Initial:** _____

Initial: _____ I fully understand and made aware that upon completion of course it is of my own liability to register and license my dog with my town, village or city in which I currently reside in. I release WNYHeroes, Inc. and its committee members of any and all liability if I should lose control of my dog and he/she attacks another dog or human being.

Initial: _____ I fully understand that upon completion, I am bound by both CGC, CGCU, CGCA and TDI to turn in ANY and ALL paperwork in order to register my dog and failure to do so would mean forfeiture of certification, causing me and my dog to possibly retake the entire course. Should you have to retake a section due to failure of upholding your end of the agreement.

Initial: _____ I am aware, should I decide NOT to complete the program or fail to continue due to my own faults, I am held liable to refund WNYHeroes, Inc. all expenses that were currently given to me.

Initial: _____ I understand, should I relocate from the WNY area during the program OR within one year of completion of training, I am bound to repay all costs back to WNYHeroes, Inc. determined at the time of failure. My service dog, equipment and thereof would also would have to be returned that was given to me

Signature of Veteran; _____

Notary: _____

Print: _____

Print: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Initial: _____ I am fully aware and give full consent to run a state wide criminal background check in order to be accepted into the "Pawsitives for Heroes" program. If for some reason I am not, someone from the program will contact me.



Grant Request Check List

- ___ DD-214
- ___ Copy of utility bill/s to show proof of current residence
- ___ Brief summary of why you would like or feel having a dog could help you
- ___ Copy of current/valid NYS driver's license/photo ID
- ___ Copy of award letter of Veterans Disability
- ___ Copy of SSD letter if applicable
- ___ Copies of **ALL** bills, to include credit cards or outstanding debt of any kind
- ___ Did I fill in the entire grant, not leaving any blanks?
- ___ Did I serve on Active Duty in a war zone?
- ___ Did I fill out the Volunteer Application?
- ___ Did I fill out the entire wavier, leaving no blanks?
- ___ Did I submit my letter from current caregiver(s)?
- ___ Did I have my application notarized as asked?



I am aware that if **ANY** part of my application is left blank; my grant request will be considered incomplete and not reviewed, forfeiting my chances for assistance.

Signature: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____