



Vet 2 Vet Service Dog Participation Criteria

The qualified veteran will have:

1. An Honorable Discharge from military service.
2. A background check that indicates no felony and/or animal abuse convictions.
3. Regularly scheduled care from a mental health care provider through the duration of the Program.
4. If you have a history including a substance abuse problem, you must have at least one year of sobriety. After any inpatient treatment, you must also have a year of continued sobriety.
5. Have the financial means to support the needs of a service dog and have access to reliable transportation.
6. A mental health diagnosis that would, as determined by a qualified mental health professional, improve with the use of a service dog.
7. Veterans must be committed to meeting with a mentor or trainer at least once a week and then twice a week once they are paired with their dog.
8. A firm commitment to paying it forward after graduation by mentoring another veteran/participant or by performing volunteer work with our organization.

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