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	How does it work?
1	Download and complete a Hub City Service Dogs application form
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•	This application lets us know more about you,
	your goals, and what tasks your physician
	recommends a service dog to assist you with.
•	Return the completed application with the \$50
	application fee.
2	The HCSD board will meet
	and review your application
	Our Board meets quarterly and reviews
	applications. Approval is based on our training
	radius (150 miles of Hattiesburg, MS), tasks
	needing to be trained are within our realm of
	training, and the application including the
	physician recommendation.
	physician recommendation.
3	The Executive Director will then
	reach out to you with the Board's
	reach out to you with the Board's decision within 7 to 10 business days after the board meeting.
	after the board meeting.

If my application is approved by the Board, what are the next steps?

 Once the Executive Director contacts you with the approval decision from the Board, our Training Director will schedule an in-home consultation with you, your family, and your dog (if we are evaluating a dog that you already own).

What to expect at the in-home consultation?

 The Training Director and Hub City Service Dogs Certified Professional Dog Trainer will meet with your family to discuss your needs, expectations, and goals for their service dog.

They will tour your home and yard area

 If you have a dog that will be evaluated to determine if he is a candidate to be a service dog, the evaluation will start at the in-home consultation. Veterinary medical records are required to be reviewed during the consultation.

 The family will answer questions that are asked by the Training Director and the Trainer, and the family is welcome to ask questions and discuss concerns

they may have.

 If you do not have a dog to be evaluated, then we will discuss the type of dog you need and help to select one for you. We prefer to be part of the selection process to help provide the best service dog candidate.





The in-home consultation is complete, what is next?

 The Training Director reports back to the Executive Director who will then contact you to schedule the contract signing to begin the training process for your service dog. The contract signing will take place in Hattiesburg, MS. Once the contract is signed and full payment received, we are ready to start training your dog.

More information on pricing...

How much does it cost to train a service dog?

• The training fee is set lower than what it normally costs due to the fundraising that we are able to apply toward the overall training fee. The fee also depends on where you are located within our 150-mile radius of Hattiesburg, MS.

\$7,500 - \$11,500

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why does HCSD prefer to help me select a service dog?

A: At Hub City Service Dogs we are choosing a dog that has the best genetics and temperament to help make them as successful as possible. Genetics, socialization, previous experiences and health all play a critical role for your service dog in training. you deserve the best service dog candidate possible.

Q: What is coaching-based service dog training?

A: Coaching-based service dog training means that as the client, you are a part of the training process for your service dog. Our Certified Professional Dog Trainer teaches you and your dog. This helps to break down the training process into smaller steps for you and your dog. Once completed, you will be able to navigate situations with your service dog with confidence.

Q: How long does it take for the service dog training to be complete?

A: Every dog and task process is different. It also depends on what, if any, foundations your service dog in training may already have. Generally, if we start with a puppy, the entire process can take 1 1/2 - 2 years.

Q: When my service dog completes the training, are they certified?

A: There is not any national or state organizations that "certify" service dogs. However, at Hub City Service Dogs, we do a completion test to ensure all of the basic obedience, tasks and public access training has been successful. We then re-evaluate on a yearly basis.

