

2012 FY

COUNTY BURIAL COSTS COMPARISON

Revised Date 09/01/13

COUNTY	BURIAL COST	COMMENT	CREMATION & BURIAL COSTS	CREMATION & COSTS NOT BURIED WEEK DAYS	CREMATION & COSTS NOT BURIED WEEK ENDS	MISC/Effective Date
Adams	\$1,500.00	Plus 400 for grave digging	\$1,000.00			
		less client resources.				
Barnes	\$4,313.00	Infant burial \$980, infant cremation \$625	\$3,525.00			Jan-13
Benson	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			1995
Billings	\$2,400.00		\$2,400.00			
		\$400 for extenuating circumstances				
Bottineau	\$2,250.00		\$1,500.00			2009
Bowman	\$2,500.00		\$2,000.00			Jan-07
Burke	\$2,000.00		\$1,500.00			
Burleigh	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00			
Cass	\$2,092.00		\$1,825.00	\$1,532.00	\$1,532.00	
Cavalier	\$2,600.00		\$2,600.00			
Dickey	\$2,600.00		\$2,600.00			New
Divide	\$2,800.00		\$2,100.00			2009
Dunn	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00			
Eddy	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00			1995
Emmons	\$2,500.00		\$1,500.00			
Foster	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00			1995
GoldenValley	\$1,750.00		\$1,750.00			
Grand Forks	\$2,100.00	No family contri.deducts	\$2,100.00			No family contribution
Grant	\$1,800.00	Plus out of Co. Mileage	\$1,500.00			Plus out of Co. Mileage
		grave space, opening & closing adjusted by actual cost + 400 first custody				
Griggs	\$3,200.00	Opening/closing/space extra	\$2,100.00			
Hettinger	\$1,625.00		\$1,625.00			
Kidder	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00			1995
LaMoure	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00			
Logan	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00			
McHenry	\$2,000.00	Cremation Less then	\$2,000.00			2009
McIntosh	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,385.00		
McKenzie	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00			<original
McLean	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00			1995
Mercer	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			1995
		Grave space \$500 - max, opening/closing \$650.00-max				
Morton	\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00	
Mountrail	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00		\$2,250.00	
Nelson	\$3,400.00	Less with client resources.	\$3,400.00			1/1/2014
		\$250 opening/closing \$300 space				
Oliver	\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00			
Pembina	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00			
Pierce	\$2,300.00	Cremation Less then	\$2,300.00			
Ramsey	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00			1995
Ransom	\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00			2001
Renville	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00			
Richland	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00			1995
Rolette	\$2,673.00					
		Actual Cost up to \$2673				
Sargent	\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00			2001
Sheridan	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00			Up from \$1625
Sioux	\$1,995.00		\$1,995.00			
Slope	\$2,500.00		\$2,000.00			Jan-07
Stark	\$1,950.00		\$1,950.00			2009
		Cremation \$495 within 48 hrs				
Steele	\$2,075.00		\$700.00			Plus\$200 first custody cost when applicable
						11/1-4/1 burial +\$100 winter charges
Stutsman	\$2,167.00		\$1,700.00			
Towner	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			1995
Trails	\$2,325.00	Plus Burial lot if needed	\$1,800.00			April 2003
		Visitation prior to cremation - \$2500				
Walsh	\$2,500.00		\$1,900.00			2009
Ward	\$2,800.00	Less with client resources.	\$2,800.00			2014-01
Wells	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00			2008
Williams	\$2,953.00	Plus Actual open/closing	\$2,953.00			Actual Cremation Cost =or <original
Average Costs of 53 Counties	\$2,275.81		\$2,039.11			

**Total Expenditures  
July 2012 - June 2013**

	Total Expenditures	Total Expenditures reported on SFN 119	Contracts with Dept of Human Services *	General Assistance	Billings from DHS for county share of program costs	Reconciling items for multi-county projects	Other expenditures *** Please include amount here and identify below
					See Page 7		
1 Adams	436,327	406,606	-	2,040	27,531		150
2 Barnes	1,206,074	1,051,875	-	17,721	136,478		-
3 Benson	858,175	816,197	-	-	41,978		-
4 Billings	-	-	-	-	-		-
5 Bottineau	761,165	689,099	-	4,870	67,196		-
6 Bowman	496,972	452,843	-	2,448	41,681		-
7 Burke	253,889	236,145	-	-	17,438		306
8 Burleigh	6,494,368	5,481,455	-	26,287	973,006		13,620
9 Cass	12,308,186	10,226,321	48,195	50,494	1,983,176		-
10 Cavalier	681,203	621,700	-	2,224	51,279		6,000
11 Dickey	750,455	672,459	-	7,177	70,819		-
12 Divide	437,851	406,872	-	2,100	24,084		4,795
13 Dunn	504,158	476,899	-	-	27,259		-
14 Eddy	288,950	256,437	-	3,600	28,913		-
15 Emmons	248,350	215,565	-	3,008	29,494		283
16 Foster	395,882	346,063	-	-	48,060	1,759.39	-
17 G. Valley	344,486	309,299	-	-	30,947		4,240
18 G. Forks	6,713,214	5,570,792	-	120,268	1,022,754	(600.00)	-
19 Grant	258,059	216,343	4,395	1,800	35,521		-
20 Griggs	339,830	316,195	-	2,960	20,926	(250.60)	-
21 Hettinger	416,909	388,873	-	75	26,866		1,095
22 Kidder	232,681	214,003	-	-	18,078		600
23 LaMoure	242,446	195,670	-	4,338	42,438		-
24 Logan	193,214	174,554	-	4,230	14,430		-
25 McHenry	563,499	490,088	-	5,110	61,410		6,891
26 McIntosh	280,647	244,142	-	-	36,505		-
27 McKenzie	890,924	812,318	-	9,723	64,285		4,598
28 D. Central	2,197,753	2,016,994	-	4,684	176,075		-
29 Mercer	-	-	-	-	-		-
30 Morton	2,472,642	2,099,768	-	20,585	343,039		9,250
31 Mountrail	1,261,423	1,170,637	-	8,899	81,887		-
32 Nelson	320,515	288,043	-	1,446	29,795	850.60	380
33 Oliver	-	-	-	-	-		-
34 Pembina	831,801	735,780	-	12,871	81,993		1,157
35 Pierce	444,482	399,569	-	2,554	42,179		180
36 L. District	1,976,249	1,732,395	-	2,250	241,604		-
37 Ransom	388,474	332,751	-	-	51,847	2,255.00	1,621
38 Renville	320,941	299,240	-	233	21,416		52
39 Richland	1,464,649	1,265,413	-	13,969	185,267		-
40 Rolette	1,632,783	1,538,148	-	9,938	84,595		102
41 Sargent	350,726	297,841	-	1,900	53,240	(2,255.00)	-
42 Sheridan	-	-	-	-	-		-
43 Sioux	603,136	587,630	-	-	15,506		-
44 Slope	-	-	-	-	-		-
45 Stark	2,899,832	2,502,483	-	11,454	385,895		-
46 Steele	290,101	269,634	-	-	20,467		-
47 Stutsman	2,407,607	2,127,296	863	31,179	248,692	(1,759.39)	1,336
48 Towner	-	-	-	-	-		-
49 Traill	1,183,312	1,045,830	-	9,964	127,086		432
50 Walsh	1,206,255	1,035,553	-	15,687	140,015		15,000
51 Ward	5,465,860	4,642,168	-	69,869	746,745		7,078
52 Wells	725,922	673,866	-	2,100	49,666		290
53 Williams	3,239,647	2,770,376	-	23,092	364,500		81,679
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,282,024</b>	<b>59,120,228</b>	<b>53,453</b>	<b>513,147</b>	<b>8,434,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,135</b>

Expenditures paid by the state for additional computer costs in excess of FY 1995 costs, inflated at CPI, is \$787,275 and is not included in the above numbers.

Expenditures for "Contracts with Department of Human Services"

Cass - Provide Program of Volunerable Adult Services (MFP-ADRC MOU)

Grant - Adult Mental Health Services

Stutsman - Operation of 24 Hour Safe Bed Facility for Youth Experiencing emotional, mental health or behavioral crisis, who need a short term separation from their family.

## **NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNICATING BENEFITS WITH VETERANS**

\*\*Each county has a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). They are key members in disseminating news to our states Veterans.

### **TAP PROGRAM:**

(Training Assistance Program-provided as service members leave the military) On a nation-wide effort. As the President Elect for the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) we have testified to the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committee and are coordinating with the Department of Defense so that all veterans will be provided with up to two contacts in each state for their VA and other benefits and services. This would also provide, along with their DD214 Discharge papers, each State Department of Veterans Affairs up to date electronic contact information for each veteran returning to their perspective state.

### **Town hall/ round table events:**

Plan to conduct a town hall/ Round table event in every county in ND between March of 2014 through March of 2015. In coordination with...

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration.
- Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Outreach program
- VA's Vet Centers outreach program
- ND Service Member and Family Support Outreach services
- ND Cares
- VAMC Outreach services
- CVSO's

### **Posters:**

North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (ND DVA) provides Uncle Sam "I OWE YOU" posters to all CVSO's with their contact information. These are to be distributed by the CVSO throughout their counties at...

- County court houses
- City Halls
- Community Event Centers
- Retirement homes
- Restaurants
- Grocery Stores
- Veteran Service Clubs
- Anywhere the public visits and allows a poster to be placed



## V on Driver's License

NDDVA went to 62<sup>nd</sup> Legislative assemble to get a “V” indicator on our state drivers license or state issued non-driver ID. Veteran must bring DD214 into a ND VSO to validate and get a form completed which they can bring to the DOT.

- This is reverse outreach to get veterans into see our VSO's



## News emailed

To Veteran Service Officers (CVSO, TVSO, NSO, SVSO) and Veteran Service Organizations

- Updates from VA (Training Letters, Changes to benefits, Fast letters, Updates)
- News from DOD
- News from VA

## Social Media:

ND DVA utilizes social media forums to engage veterans

- Facebook
- Twitter

## Public Service Announcements (PSA's)

ND DVA sends out PSA's on events or important changes which the Veterans will need to know and the Media may be interested in posting.

- ACOVA meetings
- Events for Veterans

## Veteran Service Organizations Newsletters:

ND DVA submits news letters to the states Veteran Service Organizations for publication in their newsletters. Most are quarterly.

## Work in progress:

Working with Forum Communications on creating a “Veterans Forum”

- News on ND Veterans needs
- Programs available
- Events
- Organizations

Forum Communications owns:

- Fargo Forum
- Grand Forks Herald
- Dickinson Press
- Jamestown Sun
- West Fargo Pioneer
- Forum Communications also has these publications on the web.

**The purpose of the ND Department of Veterans Affairs website and social networking sites is to:**

- Become the “ONE STOP” site for all of North Dakota’s Veterans and dependents.
- Provide outreach capability to rural, housebound, or hesitant ND Veterans and their Families
- Connect with OEF/OIF/OND Veterans
  - Operation Enduring Freedom: Afghanistan
  - Operation Iraqi Freedom: Iraq
  - Operation New Dawn: Iraq after OIF
- Provide relevant and up-to-date information and resources for Veterans and their Families
- Provide the necessary tools and resources to the County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) assisting Veterans and/or their Families
- Honor North Dakota’s Heroes

## **Benefits of the ND DVA website and Social Media**

- Continually updated with relevant news and resources
- Hyperlinked to owning websites to maintain accuracy of data
- Working with other ND Agencies to share links on all our websites.
  - ND DVA and Job Service ND have completed our sharing links
- Challenges
  - Heroes and transportation are a work in progress
  - Limited personnel to perform updates and site maintenance
  - Avoiding information “overload”.
- <http://www.nd.gov/veterans>

## Why do we need Facebook and Twitter?

- According to the Pew Research Internet Project (2013)
  - 71% of online adults use Facebook
  - 45% of internet users 65 or older use Facebook
  - 84 % of Facebook users are 18-29
  - 79% of Facebook users are 30-49
  - 60% of Facebook users are 50-64
  - <https://www.facebook.com/NDDVA>
- Twitter users account for 18% of online use
  - 31% of 18-29 year olds use Twitter
  - 19% of 30-49 year olds use Twitter
  - <http://twitter.com/NDDVA>
- 63% of Facebook users use it daily (40% multiple times per day)
- 46% use Twitter daily (29% use it multiple times)
- 42% of internet users have more than one social media account

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Our goal is to ensure that every veteran in the State of North Dakota receives every benefit to which he or she may be entitled.

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<http://www.veteranrecruiting.com/job-seekers/military-spouses/>



**Virtual Career Fair – Military Spouses**  
[www.veteranrecruiting.com](http://www.veteranrecruiting.com)

At Veteran Recruiting, we recognize that it is not just the servicemember who serves, and that it is often left to the Military Spouse to shoulder the load while their loved one may be deployed. We also recognize and value the skills, education, experience, and talent you bring to the...

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Thanking each and every one of you for your service!

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Wanted to thank everyone that attended the ND Dept of Veterans Affairs Spring 2014 CVSO Conference in Bismarck. It was a great success and we can't wait until the Fall Conference in Fargo, October 6-8!

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March 29, 1972. Master Sgt. Merlyn Leroy Paulson, Fargo, ND went Missing-in-Action.

<http://www.nd.gov/veterans/heroes/merlyn-leroy-paulson>



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On this date in 1952, 2nd Lieutenant William Sproat Smith Jr. of Carrington, ND went Missing-in-Action while on a combat mission, his aircraft received a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire, crashed and exploded. His remains were never recovered.

<http://www.nd.gov/veterans/heroes/william-sproat-smith-jr>



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Vietnam Veterans Day at the West Fargo VFW 308 Sheyenne St

[www.calendarwiz.com](http://www.calendarwiz.com)



Free Chili and Beer for Vietnam Veterans. Join us and share your 'Nam memorabilia with other Veterans! John Gwizdak, past National VFW Commander, will be the...

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March 30, 1952. Sgt. George Jangula, Emmons County, ND, was Killed-in-Action.

<http://www.nd.gov/veterans/heroes/george-jangula>



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Burial: Saint Anthonys Cemetery Linton Emmons County North Dakota, USA

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Sgt. Richard John Boehm, Mandan, ND was Killed-in-Action on this date in 1971.

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VA is conducting a research study on service dogs for #PTSD. <http://owl.li/v0W9H>

Can Service Dogs Improve Activity and Quality of Life in Veterans With PTSD? - Full Text View - ...

[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

Service Dogs are trained to assist people with disabilities to accomplish tasks which permit the individual to be more functional in their home and social environment. Often the dogs are trained to help in the...

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3rd annual celebration for Vietnam Veterans  
[www.calendarwiz.com](http://www.calendarwiz.com)

Tomorrow, March 29, our nation will observe Vietnam Veterans Day. I have issued a proclamation designating this day in North Dakota to recognize the brave heroes who served our country during this conflict and did so with valor and honor. We thank our Vietnam veterans for their distinguished service and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our state and nation. <http://governor.nd.gov/media-center/proclamation/vietnam-veterans-day-3>

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It's Friday! Whose wearing red to show their support for our Veterans and Servicemembers? Share if you support, like if you are a Veteran or Servicemember!

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**REMINDER:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hosting a free webinar on March 28, 2014 on the fundamentals and benefits of submitting Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) with disability claims applications. Sign up today to learn more about these forms and how they help to speed up claims processing time. Click on the following links to reserve your place! 12:30pm CT session: [goo.gl/gLJUXE](http://goo.gl/gLJUXE).

**Registration**

[attendee.gotowebinar.com](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com)

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**Returning Service Members**

Do you know a veteran who has recently returned from military service in Afghanistan? VHA's Returning Service Members (OEF/OIF/OND) web site shows our newest veterans the VA services available to them. <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/> Or contact the Fargo VA Health Care System at 1-800-410-9723 extension 9-4310 or 9-4311.

<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

The event will have live music, informational booths, food and drinks, ceremonial flag burning, TAPS and a balloon release.



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Prairie Public Television is airing a three-part television series in May that addresses the concerns of many Veterans.

What are the answers to some of the most difficult questions facing veterans returning from war? This new three-part... [See More](#)



**Watch now: Coming Back with Wes Moore | Coming Back with Wes Moore | Preview | PBS Video**  
[video.pbs.org](http://video.pbs.org)

Wes Moore searches for answers to difficult questions facing veterans returning from war.

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**Guard Logistics Soldiers Receive Alert for Possible Mobilization (3/25/2014)**  
[www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil)

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The Fargo VA is seeking volunteers for several volunteer positions. All applicants must be willing to undergo a background, check, orientation and training, and agree to a minimum commitment of 50 hours.

Please contact Voluntary Service a... [See More](#)



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Good luck and safe return 285th Aviation Regiment!

Sgt. John M. Kerr, a crew chief with the North Dakota National Guard's Company C, 2nd Battalion, 285th Aviation Regiment, and a native of Bismarck, N.D., looks out a window of a Black Hawk during a joint multinational training flight. We wish our aviators success and safety during their yearlong international peacekeeping mission in Kosovo!



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http://www.militarytimes.com/article/20140320/NEWS/303200067/VA-DoD-common-records-system-may-still-possible

VA-DoD common records system may still be possible www.militarytimes.com

After being jilted again and again by the Pentagon in pursuit of a common digital health records system, the Veterans Affairs Department is hoping a new makeover will finally get its own system noticed — and perhaps get defense officials to commit to a lo

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What should I consider if I want to use my GI bill to attend college? www.consumerfinance.gov

Student loans What should I consider if I want to use my GI bill to attend college? updated 11/5/2013 First, always remember to compare the costs of different colleges to make sure you're getting the best deal. As a...

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Best regards,

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# March 28, 2014

1. Former defense secretary James Schlesinger dies.
2. DARPA's Role to 'Change What's Possible,' Director Says.
3. Mayo Clinic aims for more Pentagon funding.
4. 9 Air Force commanders fired in nuke missile cheating scandal.
5. Pentagon: We need war funding after the wars are over.
6. New Army grooming regulations roll back wartime leniency.
7. Japan, Australia look to Marines while beefing up amphibious forces.
8. New focus on artillery training prepares Army for future conflicts.
9. Rep. Dan Maffei's bill would ease VA benefits claims process for families of veterans.
10. Iraq war vet introduces military suicide prevention bill.
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1. [Former defense secretary James Schlesinger dies.](#) A Washington think tank confirms that James Schlesinger, a hawkish and erudite Republican who served in top Cabinet-level posts under three presidents, has died. He was 85.
2. [DARPA's Role to 'Change What's Possible,' Director Says.](#) As part of the Defense Department's science and technology community, the role of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is to change what's possible, the DARPA director said yesterday. DARPA makes pivotal early investments that allow ...
3. [Mayo Clinic aims for more Pentagon funding.](#) The Mayo Clinic, with military ties that stretch back to the Civil War, is making a push to more aggressively pursue a larger share of the \$900 million-plus spent annually by the Pentagon on medical research.
4. [9 Air Force commanders fired in nuke missile cheating scandal.](#) The Air Force is firing nine mid-level commanders and disciplining dozens of junior officers at a nuclear missile base in response to an exam-cheating scandal that spanned a far longer period than originally reported.
5. [Pentagon: We need war funding after the wars are over.](#) The U.S. military will need war funding for years to come, despite the fact that most troops will be out of Afghanistan by the end of this year, service officials told lawmakers Thursday.
6. [New Army grooming regulations roll back wartime leniency.](#) The Army is cracking down on tattoos, dental ornamentation and haircuts in a long-awaited update to uniform and appearance rules that could make it harder to enlist and advance up the ranks.
7. [Japan, Australia look to Marines while beefing up amphibious forces.](#) The U.S. Marine Corps may be shrinking, but American allies in the Pacific are building their own amphibious forces and training them to fight alongside U.S. troops.
8. [New focus on artillery training prepares Army for future conflicts.](#) U.S. Army field artillery is preparing for future wars by returning to Cold War-era tactics supplemented by modern, mobile technology, a U.S. general says.

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9. [Rep. Dan Maffei's bill would ease VA benefits claims process for families of veterans.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Post-Standard:** U.S. Rep. Dan Maffei introduced a bill today to help family members of deceased veterans claim benefits that have been held up in processing backlogs that often take a year or more to complete.
10. [Iraq war vet introduces military suicide prevention bill.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **CNN:** The first Iraq war combat veteran to serve in the U.S. Senate introduced legislation on Thursday aimed at reducing the number of military veterans who commit suicide.
11. [Sen. John Walsh offers veteran suicide bill; group launches 'Storm the Hill' lobbying effort.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Washington Post:** The first soldier to return from the Iraq war and become a U.S. senator proposed a bill Thursday to combat veteran suicides and joined an emerging veterans group in recognizing those who have taken their own lives this year.
12. [Veterans 'Storm the Hill' to Save Lives.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Bloomberg View:** The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America are in Washington this week for their annual Storm the Hill event and this year their effort will focus on suicide prevention.
13. [Editorial: Nineteen deaths and the VA's troubling silence.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Tampa Tribune:** The VA needs to drop the secrecy routine and remember it's a tax-funded organization that should conduct itself in as transparent a manner as possible without encroaching on patient confidentiality.
14. [VA Butler investigating high lead levels found in water fountains, fixtures have been flushed.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review:** Tests found elevated levels of lead in 11 water fixtures at the VA Butler Healthcare hospital in Butler Township, VA officials said Thursday.
15. [One in 25 patients has an infection acquired during hospital stay, CDC says.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Washington Post (Video):** One in 25 patients in U.S. hospitals has an infection acquired as part of his or her care despite modest progress in controlling those pathogens inside medical facilities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday in its most comprehensive look at a stubborn and lethal health-care problem.

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16. [Can Ecstasy Treat PTSD?](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **KNSD-TV (Video)**: Now, there's growing debate over the use of an illegal drug to treat PTSD that some say is working with good success.
17. [Op-ed: Remove restrictions on nursing care services for CT vets.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Connecticut Mirror**: However, some physician groups and members of Congress are opposing this advancement by urging the VHA not to change its "Nursing Handbook" to promote full practice authority for APRNs.
18. [Women's veterans conference opens Friday in Eugene.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Gazette Times**: Female veterans from every branch of military service, era and background are invited to attend the free semi-annual Oregon Women's Veterans Conference Friday and Saturday at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center, 66 E. 66th Ave.
19. [New Study Finds Veteran Are Graduating At Rates Comparable To Their Peers.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **Al Jazeera America**: Veterans are earning degrees at rates comparable to their civilian counterparts, according to a report released this week by Student Veterans for America (SVA).
20. [DC Advocates Mobilize to End Homelessness.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **The Huffington Post**: Faced with growing concerns about homelessness, several veterans groups have mobilized in the last year to eradicate homelessness in the District.
21. [Ending Chronic Veterans Homelessness In Little Rock By 2015.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **KARK-TV (Video)**: Little Rock is joining the fight to end chronic veterans homelessness by next year. The capital city is joining 16 others nationwide to take part in this ambitious effort.
22. [Veterans Support Group Director Gets 30 Months For Stealing Veteran's Identity.](#) 30-Month Sentence for Philadelphia Man Who Defrauded VA of \$178K in Health Care and Compensation Benefits
23. [Lewis-McChord restricts museum volunteer who helped rebuild plane.](#) Herb Tollefson spent 25 of his 95 years helping transform a pre-World War II Army Air Corps bomber from a "pile of corroded metal" into something that looks ready for takeoff at McChord Air Field.

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24. [Turning Point: Proactive Testing Can Make All The Difference.](#)  
Assistant Chief of the Business Office and Privacy Officer, Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Cancer doesn't discriminate. Don't ignore your symptoms; get checked out!
25. [Mysteries still surround broken tombstone.](#) Mansfield News Journal  
... his wife, Katherine, applied for and received a granite veteran's marker from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.
26. [Veterans Clinic on the Move.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **WOWT-TV:** The Community-Based Outpatient Clinic operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will move in June to a new Bellevue, location.
27. [Veterans Administration Center Mobile Unit Visits Meridian.](#) [Hyperlink to Article](#) **WTOK-TV (Video):** The Veterans Administration Center in Jackson had its mobile unit in Meridian at the Meridian Veterans Services Office as part of its "VA to Vets" program.
28. **VA / VSO-MSO Hearings as March 28, 2014:**
  - **April 2, 2014.** HVAC, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold an oversight hearing entitled, "VA & Human Tissue: Improvements Needed for Veterans Safety."
  - **April 3, 2014.** House Veterans Affairs Committee will hold a second oversight hearing on transparency at the Department of Veterans Affairs.
29. **Today in History:**
  - [1794](#) – Allies under the [prince of Coburg](#) defeat [French](#) forces at [Le Cateau](#).
  - [1795](#) – [Partitions of Poland](#): The [Duchy of Courland and Semigallia](#), a northern [fief](#) of the [Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth](#), ceases to exist and becomes part of [Imperial Russia](#).
  - [1809](#) – [Peninsular War](#): France defeats Spain in the [Battle of Medelin](#).
  - [1854](#) – [Crimean War](#): [France](#) and [Britain](#) declare war on [Russia](#).
  - [1860](#) – [First Taranaki War](#): The Battle of Waireka begins.
  - [1862](#) – [American Civil War](#): [Battle of Glorieta Pass](#) – in [New Mexico](#), [Union](#) forces stop the [Confederate](#) invasion of [New Mexico](#) territory. The battle began on [March 26](#).
  - [1871](#) – The [Paris Commune](#) is formally established in [Paris](#).
  - [1883](#) – [Tonkin Campaign](#): French victory in the [Battle of Gia Cuc](#).
  - [1889](#) – The [Yngsjö murder](#) in [Yngsjö, Sweden](#): [Anna Månsdotter](#) is arrested along with her son.
  - [1910](#) – [Henri Fabre](#) becomes the first person to fly a [seaplane](#), the [Fabre Hydravion](#), after taking off from a water runway near [Martigues, France](#).
  - [1920](#) – [Palm Sunday tornado outbreak of 1920](#) affects the [Great Lakes](#) region and [Deep South](#) states.

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- [1933](#) – The [Imperial Airways](#) biplane *City of Liverpool* is believed to be the first airline lost to [sabotage](#) when a passenger [sets a fire on board](#).
- [1939](#) – [Spanish Civil War](#): [Generalissimo Francisco Franco](#) conquers [Madrid](#) after [a three-year siege](#).
- [1941](#) – [World War II](#): [Battle of Cape Matapan](#) – in the [Mediterranean Sea](#), [British Admiral Andrew Browne Cunningham](#) leads the [Royal Navy](#) in the destruction of three major [Italian](#) heavy cruisers and two destroyers.
- [1942](#) – [World War II](#): In occupied [France](#), [British](#) naval forces successfully [raid](#) the [German](#)-occupied port of [St. Nazaire](#).
- [1946](#) – [Cold War](#): The [United States State Department](#) releases the [Acheson–Lilienthal Report](#), outlining a plan for the international control of [nuclear power](#).
- [1951](#) – [First Indochina War](#): In the [Battle of Mao Khe](#), [French Union](#) forces, led by World War II hero [Jean de Lattre de Tassigny](#), inflict a defeat on [Việt Minh](#) forces commanded by General [Võ Nguyên Giáp](#).
- [1959](#) – The [State Council of the People's Republic of China](#) dissolves the [Government of Tibet](#).
- [1968](#) – Brazilian high school student [Edson Luís de Lima Souto](#) is shot by the police in a protest for cheaper meals at a restaurant for low-income students. The aftermath of his death is one of the first major events against the military dictatorship.
- [1969](#) – Greek poet and [Nobel Prize](#) laureate [Giorgos Seferis](#) makes a famous statement on the [BBC World Service](#) opposing the junta in [Greece](#).
- 1969 – The [McGill](#) français movement [protest](#) occurs, the second largest protest in Montreal's history with 10,000 [trade unionists](#), leftist activists, [college](#) students, and some McGill students at McGill's [Roddick Gates](#). The majority of the protesters are arrested.
- [1978](#) – The [US Supreme Court](#) hands down 5-3 decision in [Stump v. Sparkman](#), 435 U.S. 349, a controversial case involving involuntary [sterilization](#) and [judicial immunity](#).
- [1979](#) – A coolant leak at the [Three Mile Island's](#) Unit 2 [nuclear reactor](#) outside [Harrisburg, Pennsylvania](#) leads to the core overheating and a partial melt down.
- 1979 – The [British House of Commons](#) passes a [vote of no confidence](#) against [James Callaghan's](#) government, precipitating a [general election](#).
- [1990](#) – [President George H. W. Bush](#) posthumously awards [Jesse Owens](#) the [Congressional Gold Medal](#).
- [1994](#) – In South Africa, [Zulus](#) and [African National Congress](#) supporters battle in central [Johannesburg](#), resulting in 18 deaths.
- 1994 – [BBC Radio 5](#) is closed and replaced with a new news and sport station [BBC Radio 5 Live](#).
- [1999](#) – [Kosovo War](#): [Serb paramilitary](#) and military forces kill 146 [Kosovo Albanians](#) in the [Izbic massacre](#).
- [2000](#) – Three children are killed when a [Murray County, Georgia](#), school bus is hit by a [CSX](#) freight train.
- [2003](#) – In a [friendly fire](#) incident, two [A-10 Thunderbolt II](#) attack aircraft from the [United States Idaho Air National Guard's 190th Fighter Squadron](#) attack [British](#) tanks participating in the [2003 invasion of Iraq](#), killing British soldier Matty Hull.
- [2006](#) – At least one million union members, students, and unemployed take to the streets in [France](#) in protest at the government's proposed [First Employment Contract](#) law.

## Update on PTSD Dogs

Six dogs available for ND Veterans-2 ready now. 4 are in the fine tuning- ready in 4-6 months. Announcement will be going out this week.

### Application Procedure

There are 3 applications: a total of 44 pages

- Preliminary Questionnaire
- Main Application
- Medical Questionnaire

### Applicants must...

- Have a letter of recommendation from counselor
- Have diagnosis of PTSD
- Must be in counseling
- Must have a sponsor (person they are in close contact with-someone outside of home that has regular contact with that will ensure the dogs welfare).
- Complete the 64 hours of training
- Pass the public access test.
- Face to Face interview

**Veteran Training:** ND Veterans will come to facility and work with trainers for 64 hours before dog is release into their care.

- ❖ They will work with different dogs to find the match that works. (for a month or so to find the dog)
- ❖ Some guys can only spend an hour or so while others can spend a day. Depending on how they manage their stress levels.
- ❖ Of the 64 hours they will do 30 hours of working out in the public- bus trip to city and entering a large facility (Menards etc. and work on getting them out of site of doorway and have dog get them out of building safely).
  - Practice with dog –getting their back. Where the dog sits facing the opposite direction to make the veteran feel safe from behind them.
  - Practice with the dog on blocking to create space from people to get too close or from coming up behind them.
  - Work with dog and veteran to ensure the dog is responding to stress. Dog gets into the veterans face to lick her and calm down (a distractor to pull the person away from stress). Helps you to calm down.
- ❖ Veteran will learn how to care for dog
  - Public access laws in ND, MN etc.
  - Canine first aid kit
  - Canine grooming
  - Canine care overall.
- ❖ When these veterans have a dog their disability becomes visual to others. So need to work with veteran on how to deal with this.
  - Cards to give to people who ask questions
- ❖ Veteran will get a backpack with a

- ◆ Manual that covers care of dog
- ◆ Vest

#### Evaluations...

- Veteran must sign release so SDA can visit with counselor on
  - Has this helped reduce rescue medication's
  - Helped get into public
  - Helped in any other ways
  - Still making the counseling meetings
  - Changes in personality for the better or otherwise
- Vet must check in quarterly with SDA
  - Overall check on how the veteran feels this is impacting their life

#### Want to have an official graduation:

In Bismarck or Fargo invite Governor, legislators.

Possibly in October

#### Want to do educational campaign:

Educate the public on service dogs and how to react to them

Where the dogs are allowed

#### SDA now has a partnership with Prison in Nebraska:

They train the dog in...

- Basic Commands (five)
  - ◆ Heel
  - ◆ Sit
  - ◆ Come
  - ◆ Down
  - ◆ Stay
- Basics of PTSD training
  - ◆ Start teaching the basic commands
    - Get my back
    - Block
    - Get out of building
- Canine Good Citizenship
  - ◆ Well rounded dog –
    - Can be in public and not be distracted
    - Not look for attention from strangers/ others
    - Behave well when another dog is around
    - How well the dog handles on a leash
- Then donate the dogs to SDA
  - ◆ One every 9 weeks.
  - ◆ Dogs should have Velcro personality- wants to be right next to you all the time.
  - ◆ Always looking at you
  - ◆ Intelligent
  - ◆ In tune with emotions



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before mailing in your application, check off the following items to make sure you have completed all the forms and included all the necessary documents and signatures:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 non-refundable application fee (check or money order) included
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 page Applicant Part A – General Information completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 page Applicant Part B – Medical Release Form completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 page Applicant Part B - Professional and Personal References Form completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 page Applicant Part B – Veterinary Release Form completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 page Applicant Part C – Living with a SDA Service Dog Agreement completed and signed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 page Applicant Part D – Financial Worksheet completed and signed

**Additional financial documentation required and attached as applicable:**

- Last year's W-2 for each earner in the household
- Most recent federal tax return
- Pay stubs from last 3 months showing YTD income (if your income has changed from last year's W-2)
- If you are self-employed, you must include most recent Schedule C and/or profit and loss statement.
- Social Security 1099 forms or award letter
- Unemployment or worker's compensation award letters.
- Letter for Proof of Support (if you have no income and are being supported by another individual)  
The person who provides your support must sign the letter.

**Please send copies only. ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

**If any of the documents are missing, it will delay processing of your application.**



# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant Part A

### General Information

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Date:		Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
Name of parent or guardian if applicant is a minor:			
Age of applicant:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Date of birth:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email:			
How long have you lived at your current address?			
Work Phone:		Occupation:	
Employer Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Not employed <input type="checkbox"/> Student			
Have you ever applied or are you applying to other assistance dog organizations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list:			
Have you ever been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:			
Are you a US Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Branch of Military Service:	
Date of discharge:		Nature of discharge:	
Name of nearest relative:			Relationship:
Address of relative:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Relative's home phone:		Relative's work phone:	

<b>HOME ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION</b>		
<i>Please list the names of all persons living in your household, and their relationship to you and their age:</i>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Age</b>
<p><b>Do any other members of your household have physical, mental health or cognitive challenges?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, how are they disabled and what are their limitations?</b></p>		
<p><b>Would you describe your household activity level as:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Very active <input type="checkbox"/> Noisy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet  <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please describe:</p>		
<p><b>Do you work at home; attend school, or are you employed outside of the home? Please describe:</b></p>		
<p><b>Please describe your lifestyle in general (i.e., social life, home life, hobbies, sports, interests, etc.):</b></p>		
<p><b>Do you rent or own your home?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own  <b>If you rent, does your landlord know that you are applying for a service dog?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p><b>Please describe your home and yard?</b></p>		
<p><b>Is your yard fenced?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If no, do you plan on putting up a secure fenced-in area before you receive an assistance dog?</b></p>		
<p><b>Do you plan to move in the near future?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, when and where?</b></p>		
<p><b>Do you have your own vehicle for transportation?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If no, what other form(s) of transportation to you use?</b></p>		



**TASKS YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR SERVICE DOG TO PERFORM**

*Please list the types of task you would like your service dog to perform:*

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

What is your primary medically diagnosed disability or illness?

At what age were you disabled?

Was your disability caused by an injury?  Yes  No  
 If yes, can you please describe what progress has been made post injury?

Is this disability or illness progressive?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain:

Do you have a secondary medically diagnosed disability or illness?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please describe:

What is your height?	What is your weight?
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Are you: <input type="checkbox"/> Left-handed <input type="checkbox"/> Right-handed	Please describe your energy level: <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Other – <i>please describe:</i>
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How many times have you been hospitalized in the last two years?

How long were you hospitalized each time?

Reason for hospitalization:

**APPLICANTS WITH TYPE I DIABETES - HYPOGLYCEMIA**

Please submit a copy of your blood sugar logs for the last three months with this application.

Please  the average number of times each day you monitor your blood sugar:  1-2  3-5  6-9  10 -up

Please list the average low blood glucose episodes you experience per	Day	Week	Month

Please list the average number of paramedic visits made to your home per	Week	Month

Date of your most recent A1C test?

Please  the average A1C % from your most recent test:  
 5  5.5  6  6.5  7  7.5  8  8.5  9  9.5  10  10.5  11  11.5  12

**APPLICANTS WITH SEIZURE DISORDERS**

	Day	Week	Month	Year
	Please list the average number of seizures you experience per			
Please list the types (classification) of seizures you commonly experience and duration			Average Duration	
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

**PHYSICAL – MENTAL – EMOTIONAL LIMITATIONS**

*Please describe any limitations you may experience with any of the following:*

**Endurance:**

**Reduced stamina:**

**Balance:**

**Coordination:**

**Reaction speed:**

**Vision:**

**Hearing:**

**Sensitivity to heat:**

**Sensitivity to cold:**

**Sensitivity to pain:**

**Depression:**

**Controlling Emotions:**

**Chronic pain:**

**Memory loss:**

**Substance abuse:**

**Muscle spasms:**

**Other:**

**EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY USED (please ✓ all that apply)**

- Wheelchair:     Manual     Power     Both
- Crutches     Walker     Cane     Prosthesis     Leg brace     Wrist braces
- 3-Wheel electric scooter     Other:

**PHYSICAL ABILITIES AND STRENGTH**

<b>I CAN:</b> (please ✓ the appropriate box)	<b>Always</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Pick up items off the floor				
Pick up items off a chair				
Pick up items off a table				
Push elevator buttons				
Turn light switches ON/OFF				
Open doors				
Open drawers and cabinets				
Push my manual chair				
Life my arms				
Walk /Ambulate				

**Please answer the following and ✓ the appropriate box**

- I can walk:     Short distances     Only with support     On level ground     Not at all
- I prefer to use:     Manual wheelchair     Electric wheelchair     Scooter     Other
- I transfer by:     Standing     Pivoting     Slide board     With assistance
- My speech is:     Clear     Slightly slurred     Difficult to understand
- My voice is:     Loud     Average     Soft
- I communicate by:     Voice     Notes     Soundboard     Word board     Interpreter
- My lung capacity is:     Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor

**PHYSICAL STRENGTH***(please √ the appropriate box)*

<u>LEFT</u>	Full Use	Moderate Use	No Use	<u>RIGHT</u>	Full Use	Moderate Use	No Use
Hand Strength				Hand Strength			
Dexterity				Dexterity			
Arm Strength				Arm Strength			
Upper Body Strength				Upper Body Strength			
Leg Strength				Leg Length			
Leg Control				Leg Control			

**ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING***How do you handle the following? ( please √ the appropriate box)*

	By Yourself	Assisted	Provided by Others
1. Routine medications; maintain medication & therapy schedule			
2. Your finances; pay bills, balance checkbook, etc.			
3. Housecleaning			
4. Prepare meals			
5. Getting dressed			
6. Shopping; groceries, clothing, household, etc.			
7. Personal care; grooming, bathing, etc.			
8. Transportation			
Do you use personal care attendants (including family members)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how many hours per week do they work for you?			
What services do they assist you with? <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Personal care <input type="checkbox"/> Finances <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Do any personal care attendants live with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Will having an assistance dog reduce your need for personal care attendants? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

### ANIMAL CARE AND HANDLING INFORMATION

Have you owned a dog in the past?  Yes  No  
If yes, please describe breed(s):

Do you currently own a dog(s)?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list dog(s) by breed and age:

Do you have other pets?  Yes  No  
If yes, please describe type(s):

Do you think you are knowledgeable about dog care and behavior?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:

On a daily basis, please describe how you will handle exercising; cleaning up after, feeding, medicating, grooming and veterinary care for your SDA dog?

### PREVIOUS SERVICE DOG EXPERIENCE

Have you been partnered with a service dog in the past?  Yes  No  
If yes, please answer the following questions:

Name of Service Dog School and/or Trainer:

Contact Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Service Dog Breed:

Service Dog Name:

Year Service Dog Received:

Year Service Dog Retired/Died:

Does this service dog live with you at the present time?  Yes  No

<b>SERVICE DOG PREPARATION</b>	
<b>Are you prepared for the responsibility of adopting another member into your family/home for the next eight to ten years?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Do you or your employer have concerns regarding an service dog accompanying you to the workplace?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, please explain:
<b>What type of equipment or instruments do you use at either work or school that your service dog would have to become used to?</b>	
<b>Do you have concerns regarding a service dog accompanying you (or your child) to school or work?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:
<b>How will you handle the care of your SDA dog if you are hospitalized? Have you prepared a contingency plan?</b>	Please explain:
<b>Are you willing to modify your lifestyle and/or attitudes to meet your dog's ongoing physical and psychological needs?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If no, please explain:
<b>Are you prepared to pay \$50 - \$75 a month on average to care for and maintain the optimal health of your service dog?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>This includes, food, equipment, grooming and vet care (does not include emergencies or unexpected illnesses)</b>	
<b>Have you prepared for the time, travel and expense of the three-week Team Training in Jud, ND?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please explain:

<b>IN CLOSING</b>		
<b>How did you learn of Service Dogs for America?</b>		
<b>Is there anything else we should know, or are there any additional comments you would like to share?</b>		
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# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant Part B

### Release of Medical Information

RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION		
<i>If the applicant is a minor or under guardianship or conservatorship and/or ward of the court, parental or duly authorized individuals are required to sign pursuant to state and federal law.</i>		
<b>Printed Name</b>		
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Minor's Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Relationship / Title, and Agency</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip code</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		
<i>This authorizes you to release to Service Dogs for America (SDA) any requested information regarding my condition. The information I will give will not be used for any other purpose than to evaluate and assess my situation in making a successful canine placement and assisting me with ancillary services. SDA will keep this information confidential and will not share it with anyone but the SDA review team, trainers and the professional staff of any agency that is involved in helping provide services for me.</i>		
<b>Applicant's Printed Name</b>		<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Applicant's Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>

*Please send this form back with your full application. We need the contact information to send your primary care physician, mental health provider and case and/or social worker our medical questionnaire. All information is kept confidential.*

Family/Primary Care Physician Contact Information	
Name	
Clinic/Hospital	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	

<b>Mental Health Professional Contact Information</b>	
Name	
Clinic/Hospital	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	

<b>Case and/or Social Worker Contact Information</b>	
Name	
Agency	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	



# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant –Part B

### Release of Veterinary Medical Information

RELEASE OF VETERINARY MEDICAL INFORMATION AND LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR A SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR DOG		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip code</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		
<p><i>This authorizes you to release to Service Dogs for America (SDA) any requested information regarding my dog's medical information, history of care and to provide a letter of reference. The information I will give will not be used for any other purpose than to evaluate and assess my situation and approve in making a successful canine placement and assisting me with ancillary services. SDA will keep this information confidential and will not share it with anyone but the SDA review team, trainers and the professional staff of any agency that is involved in helping provide services for me.</i></p>		
<b>Applicant's Printed Name</b>		
<b>Applicant's Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>

*Please send this form back with your full application. We need the contact information to request your veterinarian medical records and a letter of reference. All information is kept confidential.*

Veterinarian Contact Information	
Name	
Clinic/Hospital	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	



# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant Part B

### Professional & Personal Reference Release

Professional and Personal Reference Release		
<i>If the applicant is a minor or under guardianship or conservatorship and/or ward of the court, parental or duly authorized individuals are required to sign pursuant to state and federal law.</i>		
<b>Printed Name</b>		
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Minor's Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Relationship / Title, and Agency</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip code</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		
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<b>Applicant's Printed Name</b>		<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Applicant's Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>

*Please send this form back with your full application. We need the contact information to send your professional and personal contacts our reference letter. All information is kept confidential.*

Professional Reference (Examples include clergy, teacher, supervisor, attorney, etc.)	
Name	
Organization	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Relationship	

<b>Personal Reference #1</b> <b>(Examples include friend, teacher, co-worker, <u>but not family member</u>)</b>	
Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Relationship	

<b>Personal Reference #2</b> <b>(Examples include friend, teacher, co-worker, <u>but not family member</u>)</b>	
Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Relationship	



# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant Part C

### “Living with an SDA Service Dog”

While service dogs are often able to greatly benefit and enhance the lives of individuals, it is important to recognize that there are also multitudes of financial, physical, and psychoemotional burdens related to having a service animal. This document and the following agreement are designed to help you identify some of the issues you will encounter.

Building a close working relationship with your new service dog is a process that takes time. Your new canine partner will need a period to adjust as the bond forged with his/her previous trainer is transferred to you. It is important to keep in mind that your dog has experienced several changes in homes and “families” as well as diverse training environments. He/she will need to learn to trust and recognize you as the new leader of his/her extended “family.” This time of transition may involve a period of confusion for your canine partner, and you will need to be patient and supportive while he/she adjusts to multiple changes. It is important that the relationship that develops between you and your working canine companion is one of mutual caring, respect, and support.

Your dog is not the only one who will be experiencing a lot of change. You will have some major adjustments to make in your life as well. Home and family routines must be altered and priorities rearranged. A service dog can impact your relationships and family dynamics; getting a service dog changes a person’s self-perspective and may affect your confidence and your beliefs about yourself. People may ask you very personal questions about why you have a service dog, and you may feel that your private challenges and issues are suddenly exposed.

A dog has natural canine needs that must be met whether it is convenient or not. If you are unable to meet your dog’s needs, you will still be responsible for making sure **SOMEONE** takes care of your canine partner! Even though your dog will be highly trained by the time he/she is placed with you, incidents such as unwanted elimination, chewing, barking and vomiting can and do occur as a result of stress, illness or extreme changes in routine. Your housecleaning chores will increase due to these issues as well as to cope with dog hair, tracked in dirt, mud, etc. Your dog’s arrival in your home will be similar to adding a new and vulnerable family member, and he/she will require your care and support 24/7.

#### Living with an SDA Service Dog Agreement

Do you agree to the following conditions? (please ✓ )	Yes	No, explain
1. That once the transfer is complete, and you have picked up the leash, <b>YOU</b> assume full responsibility for continuing the training exercises and reinforcing your dog appropriately for doing his/her tasks well.		
2. That there is a reasonable expectation that your medical situation will allow you to use and benefit from your dog’s skills for 8 to 10 years.		
3. That your SDA dog will spend most of his/her time <b>with YOU</b> at home AND at work, at school, and social events if he/she is certified for public access; your SDA dog <b>may not</b> be kept in a yard or kennel for more than an hour at a time.		

**Living with an SDA Service Dog Agreement (Continued)**

Do you agree to the following conditions? (please ✓ )	Yes	No, explain
4. That an SDA service dog <i>is not</i> a family pet – he/she has a specific function to assist his/her human partner, which also means minimal interactions with others.		
5. That an SDA service dog cannot be allowed off leash except in a secure area. Exercise and elimination must be done on leash or in a fenced yard or dog run.		
6. That you assume full responsibility as caretaker of your SDA service dog, which means being in charge of his/her safety, health, and welfare. The needs of your dog include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Medical care</b> – all care prescribed by your veterinarian and routine annual care as directed by SDA.</li> <li>▪ <b>Nutritional care</b> – including use of a good quality dog food and maintaining your dog’s fitness and weight.</li> <li>▪ <b>Grooming</b> – maintaining your dog’s coat, nails, teeth and ears.</li> <li>▪ <b>Daily exercise and play</b></li> </ul>		
7. That you assume full responsibility for annually updating your ADI Public Access Certification as applicable. You must maintain identification for public access and be aware of all applicable laws pertaining to service dogs.		
8. That you must abide by all leash and license laws.		
9. That you must assume full responsibility and make arrangements for immediate clean up when your dog eliminates in public.		
10. That you must take financial responsibility for expenses incurred by any and all damage caused by your dog.		
11. That you will not utilize any other training equipment, aside from that provided by SDA, without express permission from an SDA trainer.		
<p>You and your canine partner are ambassadors for Service Dogs for America as well as representatives of all working dog partnerships; you and your dog will be expected to model a clean appearance, good manners, and effective and appropriate handling skills at all times.</p>		
<p><i>Sign below if you agree to the conditions listed above. Attach additional sheets if needed to explain a “No” answer.</i></p>		
<p><b>Signature of Applicant</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b></p>	



# SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (SDA)

## Applicant Part D

### Financial Worksheet

SDA understands that \$20,000.00 is a large investment for anyone. But to live with freedom, more independence and to simply experience a better quality of life through a working service dog, is priceless. SDA is here to help you achieve this goal financially, and has developed opportunities for a candidate to participate in the fundraising activities for their new assistance dog.

#### **How much money do I have to fundraise?**

SDA asks each family to complete the financial worksheet, and depending on your income and monthly expenses, SDA will work with you to recommend and set a goal amount for fundraising.

SDA's development director will assist you with *all* of your fundraising. SDA endeavors to keep marketing and branding messaging consistent and will work with you to design and SDA will generate all materials for your fundraising efforts.

SDA is not asking you to go out and fundraise for yourself, by yourself and independent of SDA. Instead, you will partner with SDA as a "volunteer" in all fundraising activities for your assistance dog. Please understand that participating in any ***fundraising activity is voluntary.***

#### **Why can't I just raise funding on my own?**

- SDA is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. This means that not only is the donation tax deductible by the person donating it, but also SDA is accountable to the IRS for its fundraising efforts. Additionally, there are organizational policies in regards to how fundraising is done. For these reasons, all fundraising efforts must be cleared through SDA.

#### **How do I know that the money from our fundraising will be credited to my efforts?**

- You will be asked to tell anyone making a donation to SDA on your behalf, to include your name on their check or to attach a letter, newspaper clipping, etc., that shows the donation is in your name and should be added to your list of secured donations.
- Each time a check comes in with a notation indicating your name; it is noted on your records. A letter of thanks is sent to the person who made the donation on your behalf to SDA to use for tax purposes.
- Any donation coming from your community area will be credited to your efforts.
- A monthly spreadsheet will be sent to you of donations secured.

Additionally, SDA offers financial assistance to qualified individuals who meet income guidelines\* and who want to make monthly payments on their assistance dog. Scholarships and other grant opportunities are also available on a first come, first service basis and are dependent on available resources.

***\*SDA follows and annually updates the Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines for the Lower 48 Contiguous United States and the District of Columbia as published in the Federal Register.***

**SDA FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP**

**Yes, I want to participate in fundraising opportunities to pay for my assistance dog! Please have SDA’s Development Director contact me and mail fundraising information to my attention.**

**No, I do not want to participate in fundraising to pay off my assistance dog. I prefer to apply for financial assistance though the assistance dog payment schedule and apply for a scholarship.**

**FUINDRAISING, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Financial Assistance Application Information**

SDA offers financial assistance through the assistance dog payment schedule and scholarships based upon your financial need. Scholarships are available on a first come – first serve basis and are dependent on available resources.

**About the Application Process**

The process for applying for SDA financial assistance includes these steps:

- Complete the SDA Financial Assistance Application form in Applicant D portion of packet.
  - Include the support documents listed in the checklist.
  - We look at your income and family size to determine eligibility, based on the federal poverty guidelines.
  - Sign the application
- You will be contacted if you are eligible for either an SDA scholarship or financial assistance.
  - A payment plan will consider your financial situation to set payments that you can manage.

**Filing Your Application**

Please mail the completed Applicant Part D – Financial Worksheet portion and copies of your proof of income materials to address at the end of the application.

**Documentation Checklist**

Your financial assistance application must include copies of any of the following documents that apply to you. Please attach copies, not originals, as SDA can’t return any documents sent with the application. If any of the documents are missing, it will delay processing of your application.

**If You Have Income**

Attach additional proof of your household income, which may include:

- Last year’s W-2 for each earner in the household
- Most recent federal tax return
- Pay stubs from last 3 months showing YTD income
- If you are self-employed, you must include most recent Schedule C and/or profit and loss statement.
- Social Security 1099 forms or award letter
- Unemployment or worker’s compensation award letters.
- Letter for Proof of Support (if you have income and are being supported by another individual)

**If you have no income**

- If you have no income, send us a letter for proof of support. The person who provides your support must sign the letter.

APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Name of Head of Household:		Place of Employment:		
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:		
Email:				
<i>Please list spouse and all dependents under age 18</i>				
Name	Date of Birth	Name	Date of Birth	
Self		Dependent		
Spouse		Dependent		
Dependent		Dependent		
Dependent		Dependent		
Annual Household Income				
<i>If it does not apply, just enter "0" in the column</i>				
Source	Self	Spouse	Other	Total
Gross wages, salaries, tips				
Social security				
Retirement/pension benefits				
Stocks/Bonds, CDs/Money Markets				
Veterans benefits				
Military/ family allotment				
Estates/Trusts/Legal Settlements				
Alimony				
Farm or self-employment				
Rental property income				
Disability benefits				
Unemployment benefits				
Worker's Compensation				
Public Assistance				

Liquid Assets			
Source	Self	Spouse	Total
Cash in checking account			
Cash in savings account			
Cash in stocks, bonds, CD or money market			
Cash in other accounts			
Other Assets			
Home	Loan balance:		Approximate value:
Automobile	Make:	Year:	Approximate value:
Additional vehicle	Make:	Year:	Approximate value:
Other property			Approximate value:
Monthly Expenses			
<i>For expenses incurred more or less often than monthly, convert the payment into a monthly amount by dividing the total incurred expense into twelve months.</i>			
HOME	Total	FOOD	Total
Mortgage or rent		Groceries	
Homeowners/Rental Insurance		Eating out, lunches, snacks	
Property taxes		<b>FAMILY OBLIGATIONS</b>	
Home repairs/maintenance/HOA dues		Child support - Alimony	
Home improvements		Child care	
<b>UTILITIES</b>		Educational tuition	
Electricity		<b>HEALTH AND MEDICAL</b>	
Water- Sewer -Garbage		Insurance (medical/dental/vision)	
Natural gas or oil		Out of pocket medical expenses	
Telephone (land line or cell)		Fitness – health club membership	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		<b>ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION</b>	
Car payments		Cable TV/Videos/Movies	
Gasoline/Oil		Internet/DSL/Broadband	
Auto repairs/maintenance/fees		Hobbies	
Auto insurance		Subscriptions and dues	
Other (tolls, bus, subway, taxi)		Vacations	
<b>DEBT PAYMENTS</b>		<b>PETS (including your assistance dog)</b>	
Credit cards		Food	
Student loans		Grooming and boarding	
Other loans		Veterinary services	
<b>INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
401 (K) or IRA		Clothing	
Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds		Toiletries, Household products	
College fund		Gifts/Donations	
Savings		Grooming (hair, make-up, other)	
Emergency Fund		Miscellaneous expenses	

I certify that answers written above and any additional information and/or income that I have listed are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that fraudulent or misleading information will make me ineligible for any financial assistance. I authorize the release of any information needed to verify the information provided.

Please send copies only. ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT OR GUARANTOR SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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ANNUAL INCOME THRESHOLDS						
Poverty Level*	100%	125%	150%	175%	200%	>200%
<i>Family Size</i>						
1	\$11,490	\$14,363	\$17,235	\$20,108	\$22,980	\$22,981
2	\$15,510	\$19,388	\$23,265	\$27,143	\$31,020	\$31,021
3	\$19,530	\$24,413	\$29,295	\$34,178	\$39,060	\$39,061
4	\$23,550	\$29,438	\$35,325	\$41,213	\$47,100	\$47,101
5	\$27,570	\$34,463	\$41,355	\$48,248	\$55,140	\$55,141
6	\$31,590	\$39,488	\$47,385	\$55,283	\$63,180	\$63,181
7	\$35,610	\$44,513	\$53,415	\$62,318	\$71,220	\$71,221
8	\$39,360	\$49,200	\$59,040	\$68,880	\$78,720	\$78,721

For families/households with more than 8 persons, please add \$4,020 for each additional person.

\*Based on 2013 Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines

Recommended fundraising goal amount

Recommended monthly assistance dog payment amount

Recommended scholarship amount

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Date Application Received:	
Date Application Reviewed for Recommendation by Finance Committee:	
Status of fundraising goal: <input type="checkbox"/> Goal amount determined <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete documentation</span>	
Status of application for assistance dog payment plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend for approval <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Denied</span> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete documentation</span>	
Status of application for scholarship: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend for approval <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Denied</span> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete documentation</span>	
Approved by SDA BOD:	Date Approved:
Remarks:	
Application must be reviewed by the Finance Committee with recommendations and presented for approval to SDA's Board of Directors.	