

What to Expect When Applying for a Mutts With A Mission Service Dog



Indicate Interest

- Review the requirements on pages 1 and 2 of the application.
- Complete the application.
- Submit the application, application fee, and required documentation.

Applicant Status Begins

- Mutts With A Mission (MWAM) reviews completed application packages. Applicants with complete application packages that potentially meet MWAM criteria continue in the process. After 30 days, applications that are incomplete and application packages that do not meet criteria will be dropped.
- MWAM contacts potential candidates to schedule an interview.
- Interview is completed.
- Screening team evaluates and makes a recommendation.
- MWAM accepts or denies application.
- Applicant is notified of decision.

Candidate Status Begins

- Conditional candidates must follow through with recommendations and report back to MWAM within the designated period. Conditional candidates who do not report back or do not meet MWAM criteria will be dropped.
- Accepted candidates must contact MWAM on a quarterly basis to indicate interest in continuing in the process.
- Upon notification, candidates must submit updated medical/mental health information.
- MWAM contacts selected candidates with the dates of the MWAM Transfer Camp.
- Candidates confirm participation.

MWAM Team Status Begins

- Team successfully completes two-week Transfer Camp.
- Team passes certification test.
- Team graduates.
- Team fulfills first year responsibilities, including participation in all required check-in conferences.
- Team keeps the lines of communication open and contacts MWAM regarding any questions or concerns.
- Team schedules an appointment for annual recertification.
- Team returns to MWAM every 12 months for recertification.
- At annual recertification appointments, the team participates in certification testing, presents a current copy of veterinarian records, completes all required paperwork, and sets an appointment for next year's recertification.

