

Circle the type of volunteer work you are interested in below. We will review/assess your application and find where you best fit our need.

1. **Reception:** Volunteers with friendly demeanors who enjoy helping people are needed to answer the telephones, give directions, and provide information. They are often the first point of contact with the organization, so we're looking for friendly, professionally minded people.
2. **Administrative:** Assist staff with administrative tasks, MS Word, Excel; nice handwriting is a plus.
3. **Daily Operations/Housekeeping:** We rely on volunteer help for a variety of daily tasks so that staff can concentrate on caring for the dogs. Housekeeping includes laundry, cleaning, and other tasks.
4. **Teen Challenge:** Teens will assist kennel staff with various duties, according to their school schedules. Hours range from 3:00-5:00 weekdays and varied weekend hours, based on our needs.
5. **Dog Enrichment Ambassador:** Assist with enhancing dog's emotional and mental state to be calm, happy, and confident using a range of activities.
6. **Dog Handler/Puppies:** While many are interested in becoming a dog handler, this position requires a significant time commitment. Applicants are interviewed based on open positions, then asked to schedule required time for observing classes and being paired with a mentor coach.
 *You must be able to do the following: lift 30 lbs., carry puppies, get on and off the floor, good balance and follow strict instructions for puppy handling. (Minimum 8 hour per week)

What are your special interests, hobbies, skills, etc.?

How many hours per week would you like to volunteer? _____

Indicate the day(s) you would prefer to volunteer?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Are you a seasonal resident?		Yes		No	If so, please provide your out-of-town contact.
Address: _____					
(Street)		(City/State)		(Zip Code)	
Phone: _____					
(Home)		(Work)		(Cell)	

How did you hear about Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs?

At Golden PAWS, we do a background check on all volunteers. By signing below, you authorize us to conduct a background check or ask that you provide a current background check from an approved organization upon our request.

REFERENCES: Please provide two character references.		
NAME	EMAIL	Address

In consideration of Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs, its vendors and/or contractors accepting my application for participation in volunteer programs, I agree to release and hold any and all parties harmless from and against any and all loss, damage, claims, liability, costs, and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, including without limitation attorney’s fees and disbursements, arising from or occasioned by my participation in any and all programs. I agree that if an accident or injury should occur, no matter how minor, I will notify Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs staff immediately and seek any necessary medical attention utilizing my own medical insurance and any/all care sought is at my personal expense.

I agree that Golden PAWS Assistance/Therapy Dogs may photograph my participation in this program, and hereby release any such photographs to these parties for use in its programs, publications, and other purposes.

I understand there are certain risks inherent in handling animals for those on certain medications (blood thinners in particular) or with compromised immune systems or balance issues, in addition to zoonotic disease; I understand that I must notify Golden PAWS staff if any of the aforementioned applies to me.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print: _____

**Mail completed application to:
Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs, Inc.
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239.775.1660 www.goldenpaws.org
[Email: laura@goldenpaws.org](mailto:laura@goldenpaws.org)**

Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes independence for combat wounded Veterans and children with life-changing disabilities through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs. Our service dogs are always placed at no cost to those they serve.