

Volunteer applications may be sent to us by one of these methods:

Email: cgdb@sympatico.ca

Fax: (613) 692-0650

"Snail" Mail: Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, PO Box 280, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A3

Deliver in person to: 4120 Rideau Valley Drive North, Manotick, Ontario, weekdays between 8:30am and 5:00pm

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PUPPY WALKING... We DO NOT offer daily volunteer or walking opportunities with our dogs or in our kennels. We do have a fostering program in which you raise a guide dog in training in your home for approximately 14 months. You must have a fenced yard or area and be home most of the day. Food and veterinary expenses are provided.

CLIENT DRIVING... Our visually impaired and blind clients require transportation to training destinations and/or transportation to presentations and community events in support of our organization. You must be minimum 25 years of age with a clean driving record. You will use a Canadian Guide Dogs vehicle and are covered under our insurance policy when driving. You must be comfortable driving cars and vans, including Econoline vans.

COURIER DRIVING... Driving for deliveries and errands as required. You must be minimum 25 years of age with a clean driving record. You will use a Canadian Guide Dogs vehicle and are covered under our insurance policy when driving. Good working knowledge of the Ottawa area is helpful.

HIGHWAY DRIVING... Driving dogs or visually impaired clients to various destinations. You must be minimum 25 years of age with a clean driving record. You will use a Canadian Guide Dogs vehicle and are covered under our insurance policy when driving. Some trips are to the United States and would require a passport. Occasional trips may require overnight accommodation at our expense. All trips start from our National Training Centre.

COLLECTION DOG PROGRAM... Working in our plastic collection dog program, emptying funds from collection dogs in stores, counting, rolling and depositing coins, cleaning collection dogs, and approaching businesses (optional) to place and display collection dogs. This is an ongoing, but very flexible volunteer position, open to however many volunteer hours you can commit to.

A police background check may be required.

EVENT & DISPLAY ASSISTANT... Assist at fundraising & special events or promotional displays as required. This includes selling guide dogs merchandise, distributing brochures and information, and setting up or dismantling our display units, plus various other additional roles. Our events include the Go For Guide Dogs Fundraising Walk, Garden Party & Tea, and Meet the Guide Dogs Open Houses, plus many community displays.

GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK CHAIRPERSON... Organize a giant dog walk in your community to raise funds for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. We'll provide you with the instructions and assistance to tackle this project.

CUTTING GRASS... Cutting grass on the property at our National Training Centre in Manotick, Ontario, using our tractor.

LANDSCAPING... Gardening & landscaping on the property at our National Training Centre in Manotick, Ontario.

STAMP PROGRAM... Our organization collects used postage stamps as a fundraising program. These stamps are trimmed and sorted by volunteers who meet each Thursday morning from 9-12 at our National Training Centre in Manotick, Ontario.

SEWING... Do you have a sewing machine? We require volunteers in the Ottawa area to sew jackets for our puppies and guide dogs in training, plus special small jackets for our TY Beanie Baby dogs that we sell to raise funds. We provide all materials.

GOLF TOURNAMENT... Our annual Golf Tournament is held in September in Manotick, Ontario. We require individuals to help at the tournament. It's a rain or shine event, so volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors in any climate during the day.

OFFICE & PROJECT ASSISTANT... Assisting with stuffing envelopes, packaging items, mail outs, etc., as required, at our National Training Centre in Manotick, Ontario.

GIFT IN KIND DONATIONS ASSISTANT... Approaching businesses to secure donations of products and gifts for our fundraising events. You must be professional in appearance and approach, working with our Events Manager.

Please list the titles of the volunteer opportunities that are of interest to you.

Today's date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PR _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

AVAILABILITY:

Weekdays ___ Evenings ___ Weekends ___

Flexible (call as needed) ___ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Are you a secondary school student seeking volunteer hours? _____