**Careers & Canine Connections**

**August 7-12, 2023**

**Participant Application Form**

Careers & Canine Connections is FREE and open to participants who meet the following criteria:

* Blind or visually impaired and considering a guide dog for mobility
* Self-sufficient with daily living skills i.e., dressing, bathing/showering, eating, toileting etc.
* Be physically capable of fully participating in all aspects of our Camp GDB program, including working a guide dog, managing a dog for an overnight experience, a hike etc.
* Have the emotional readiness and maturity required to attend a residential summer camp program.
* have sufficient Orientation & Mobility skills and can independently travel around the camp facility.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications are **DUE** on or before April 1, 2023. Applications received after this date will be put on a wait list.

**\*\*\*Please type or print with black ink**

Participant’s Full Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Cell Phone Number:

Email address:

Preferred pronoun (optional):

Ethnicity (optional):

Age & date of birth:

Primary language spoken:

Has the participant attended any programs through Guide Dogs for the Blind or the American Printing House Career Connect program? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If yes, which program(s)?

Is the participant legally blind? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If visually impaired, please describe their functional vision:

Cause of visual impairment:

Has the participant ever had an alcohol or substance abuse problem? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Has the participant ever been convicted of a felony (Indictable offense)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Other Health Conditions (*Please mark all that apply):***

\_\_\_\_ Cerebral Palsy

\_\_\_\_ Multiple Sclerosis

\_\_\_\_ Diabetes

Type of diabetes:

\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy

Date/type of last seizure:

\_\_\_\_Traumatic brain injury (please describe):

\_\_\_\_ Cognitive / Developmental Disability (please

describe functioning level, living skills, etc.):

\_\_\_\_ Mental Health History:

\_\_ Anxiety

\_\_ Depression

\_\_ Autism spectrum

\_\_ Attention Deficit Disorder or Hyperactivity (please

describe):

\_\_\_\_ Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know about the Participant? (please describe):

**Please describe how the participant might react to the following:**

Unexpected change:

Loud noises:

Not having a consistent routine:

**Can the participant:**

Participate in walks up to an hour in length?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Swim independently in a pool of 3-foot depth?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Swim independently in a pool of 6-foot depth?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Swim independently without a flotation device?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Does the participant have any food allergies?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the specific foods:

Is the participant on a special diet?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please indicate any dietary restrictions/needs:

Is the participant currently using a mobility aid?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

 If yes, please indicate what kind of mobility aid is

currently being used:

How does the participant prefer to receive printed material?

\_\_\_\_ Standard print

\_\_\_\_ Large print

\_\_\_\_ Braille

\_\_\_\_ Electronic

Participant’s unisex T-shirt size:

\_\_\_\_XS \_\_\_\_S \_\_\_\_M \_\_\_L \_\_\_\_XL \_\_\_\_XXL

**Please include the following with the participant’s application:**

* An essay written by the participant titled “Why I want to attend “Careers & Canine Connections” Include your career interests and a little bit about why you are interested in getting a guide dog?
* A recent picture of the participant

**Please return completed application to GDB’s Youth Outreach Specialist Jane Flower by at** **jflower@guidedogs.com****, or by mail at:**

**Guide Dogs for the Blind, attention Jane Flower**

**350 Los Ranchitos Road, San Rafael, CA 94903**

Thank you for completing the Careers & Canine Connections participant application form! You will receive an email confirming that we have received your application, at which time we will be asking for available dates/times to set-up a phone conversation so that we can gather some additional information and you can ask any questions you might have. We look forward to reviewing your application and next steps!