Guide Dogs of America

ASSESSMENT VIDEO

Thank you for your application to the training program at Guide Dogs of America. Because we are not always able to see every applicant in person, we may require a video to help us assess your needs. This video will be evaluated along with a telephone interview (during which more detailed discussion will take place). The information provided in your video will be a great help to us and important in helping GDA get a better understanding of the right dog for you. We know that it's not an easy task to arrange for the shooting of this video and we truly appreciate your efforts.

Please give a little thought about what qualities you'd like in the dog you may receive. Our instructors welcome any and all questions you might have about training and living with a guide dog.

The video can be sent to us on a CD/DVD, USB drive, or uploaded to our secure server at https://guidedogsofamerica.sharefile.com/share/upload/re1be37b9da14017b. Please notify us once uploaded at (818) 833-6428 or at **Admissions@GuideDogsofAmerica.org**.

We require you to submit (2) separate videos, an Introductory Video and an Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Video. Following are guidelines for the requested videos.

Introductory Video: Tell us a little about yourself. Have the person recording your video ask you the following questions:

- What is your name and where do you live?
- Are you currently employed or a student?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- Do you have pets? Please show them, too.
- Please say a few words about your goals for the future.

- Most importantly, why do you want a guide dog?
- Please show the inside and outside of your home.

Orientation & Mobility Video: With your cane or current guide dog, we would like to see you walk a destination route in your home area. This gives us an idea not only of where you travel, but also the pace at which you like to walk. If you frequently travel in several areas, you may stop the camera and video each area briefly. The purpose is to get a general idea of the daily work you and your guide dog would experience. Please include your name at the beginning of the video recording. Remember, this video is meant to demonstrate your ability to travel independently. Ask the person recording the video not to provide directions or guidance (unless for reasons of safety).

- The person recording the video should walk behind you at least 15-20 feet. Be sure the audio is not muted.
- Walk at your normal pace
- Read traffic and cross at a controlled intersection.
- Show any unusual conditions you may encounter daily.
- If you encounter any unusual intersections, traffic patterns, or other situations that may be of concern, please show them as well.
- Additional things of interest to us are:
    - traffic conditions
    - whether there are sidewalks or unpaved byways
    - challenges to daily travel such as overhanging tree branches or animal distractions
- Make your walk about 10 blocks or so in total.

Please be sure your videos include the items listed above. If they do not, we may request that you re-record and submit them.

We look forward to reviewing your videos. Please feel free to contact the Admissions Department with any questions.

The Staff at Guide Dogs of America.