

Service Animal Resources

Assistance Dogs International

Assistance Dogs International is a worldwide coalition of non-profit programs that train and place assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities to improve their quality of life. Members of ADI educate the public about assistance dogs, advocate for the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs and help to set standards and establish guidelines and ethics for the training of these dogs.

assistancedogsinternational.org/resources/member-search

Regional ADA Center

Call your Regional ADA Center at 1-800-949-4232 or visit <u>ADA.gov</u> for more information on service animals and to view the Service Animals Fact Sheet and brochure. adata.org/find-your-region

General Financial Assistance for Service Animals:

Vocational Rehabilitation

If you need the assistance of a service animal to continue working or to return to work, try contacting your state's vocational rehabilitation office. They may be able to assist with the cost of obtaining a service animal for you to maintain or regain employment.

List of Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (by state): Job Accommodation Network

National Resource Directory

If you are a veteran, check to see if your VA benefits could assist with the cost. We also suggest running a search on the National Resource Directory. To view a list of all available programs, click on the below link and enter 'service animals' in the search field.

Search for Service Animal Resources: National Resource Directory

Other organizations to try contacting about potential funding include your local independent living center.

Centers for Independent Living

<u>Directory of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and Associations: (ILRU) Independent Living</u>
Research Utilization

NOTE: Click on your state on the website above to find the Center for Independent Living (CIL) which serves your area. Then, contact the local CIL for more information regarding what referrals or assistance programs may be available

The following webinar and articles from our national magazine explore the use of assistance animals and companion pets in people affected by MS:

Ask an MS Expert webinar: The Benefits of Service Animals for People with MS

Animal Attraction: Momentum magazine

<u>Good Companions : Momentum magazine</u>

Find your supportive partner with MS Navigator®

The National MS Society believes no one should face MS alone. MS Navigators connect you to the information, resources and support needed to move your life forward. These supportive partners help navigate the challenges of MS unique to your situation, Our **MS Navigators** are available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT. To connect, call **1-800-344-4867**, chat or email ContactUsNMSS@nmss.org. We are a partner in your MS journey.

