



Helpful Guardian Information

Thank you for your interest in being a guardian, please review this page before completing the application. Below are some basic rules, guidelines and answers to questions we are frequently asked.

Please complete the 2-page Guardian application (you do not need to return this page) and mail it back to us at the address shown. You may wait a year or more to make a trip with us. Once we receive your application via US Mail please allow at least two weeks for processing and data entry. You will receive an Email confirmation to ensure we received your application. Our goal is to give Guardians 2 months advance notice prior to any offer to join us.

Safety is our number one priority, Indy Honor Flight is very particular when it comes to our guardians.

Spouses, significant others, lady friends... whatever you may call them, are unable to accompany a Veteran on an Indy Honor Flight as many may require a guardian themselves. This rule is not up for debate, if you insist on taking your spouse we understand... and would encourage you to take a trip to D.C. on your own.

Filling out the guardian application does not guarantee that you will be asked to join us on a trip as a guardian. We are often joined by EMT's, Paramedics, Firefighters, Police Officers or others who are medically trained and volunteer their time to go. For the safety of ALL veterans on the trip they get priority... even over family members wishing to go.

Guardians must be "Fit, Fast and Healthy" being able to push a wheelchair for at least 5 miles, run for help, etc.

Guardians must attend a mandatory safety training and interview session; we will have several options prior to each flight.

Guardians must assist as needed and may be asked to perform other tasks like unloading wheelchairs, etc.

Guardians are responsible for getting their veteran to and from all events involving a trip. We have a Meet and Greet Dinner the evening before where they may need a ride - **VETERANS ARE NOT TO DRIVE ON FLIGHT DAY.**

Guardians are required to make a *non-refundable* tax-deductible donation of \$450 to cover their expenses, please do not include this donation at this time. We will collect the donation at a later date IF and when you have been invited to go. The donation does cover everything: Travel expenses (bus and plane) all meals and beverages, etc. a receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

Guardians are essential to making our trips successful, we must all work as a team and watch over everyone at all times.

If you feel you are unable to do anything that is listed, this task maybe too much for you. We do have plenty of people able and willing to take care of our heroes and insure their safety and make sure they have a wonderful Honor Flight experience. For those not invited or unable to go, we have opportunities for family and friends to still be involved!

If you wish to travel with a particular veteran, please list that veteran's name on YOUR application. We must have a completed application from both the Veteran and the potential Guardian on file for you to be able to travel together.

Please keep in mind that ALL people associated with Indy Honor Flight are volunteers, (no one is paid for their work) and because the Veterans are our priority at certain times we may be unable to respond in a timely fashion due to the amount of calls, emails and applications received. Thank you!

FOR HONOR FLIGHT USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED: _____/_____/_____ LAST NAME: _____

REQUESTING: _____



Guardian Application

Honor Flight would not be successful without the generous support of our guardians. Guardians play a significant role on every trip, ensuring that each veteran has a **safe** and memorable experience. Duties include physically assisting the veteran at the airport, during the flight and at the memorials. ***Guardians are asked to make a non-refundable \$450.00 donation to offset expenses.*** A veteran's Spouse is prohibited from serving as a guardian. While every attempt is made there is no guarantee that any family member or friend of a veteran will be able to join us on a flight.

NAME: _____ NICK NAME: _____
(As it appears on your driver's license or government ID.)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: DAY: _____ EVENING: _____ MOBILE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____ GENDER: M F

OCCUPATION: _____ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES / NO

If a veteran, please indicate BRANCH of service, and WHEN and WHERE you served:

1. How did you learn about the Honor Flight organization?

2. Why are you volunteering for Honor Flight?

3. If you have a specific veteran you wish to travel with, please list their name here (Please note we must have a completed veteran application on file or an application may be enclosed with your Guardian application):

4. Please list one (1) personal reference:

Name: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Day: _____ Evening: _____

5. Please list one (1) emergency contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Day: _____ Evening: _____

7. Are you able to push a veteran in a wheelchair up a slight incline? Yes / No.
8. Can you lift 100 pounds? Yes / No (If so you may be assigned a specific role such as helping load buses)
9. Please identify any physical disabilities, restrictions and/or medical conditions that would limit your ability to fulfill the duties of a guardian. Also, please list any medications being taken and how often. _____

10. Polo-Shirt Size: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

11. Please note any medical experience you may have (e.g., EMT, CPR, Paramedics), _____

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

1. As photographic and video equipment are frequently used to memorialize and document Indy Honor Flight trips and other events, his/her image may appear in a public forum, such as any form of media, website, etc. to acknowledge, promote or advance the work of the *Indy Honor Flight* program. I hereby release the photographer and *Indy Honor Flight* from all claims and liability relating to said photographs. I hereby give permission for my images captured during *Honor Flight* activities through video, photo, or other media, to be used solely for the purposes of *Indy Honor Flight* promotional material and publications, and waive any rights or compensation or ownership thereto.
2. I further state that **medical insurance is the responsibility of the guardian** and I understand that neither Honor Flight nor the provider of the chartered aircraft or buses provides medical care. I understand that I accept all risks associated with travel and other Honor Flight Network activities and will not hold Indy Honor Flight, The Honor Flight Network, the Flight Provider, bus company, or any person appearing or quoted in any advertisement or public service announcement for or on behalf of Honor Flight responsible for any injuries incurred by me while participating in the Honor Flight program.
3. I also understand that as a Guardian, if selected, I am responsible to pay for my own expenses via a *non-refundable* donation (**currently \$450.00**), which will need to be made at least two weeks prior to departure. This will cover airfare to and from Washington DC as well as transportation and meals while there.

SIGNATURE *: _____ DATE: ____/____/____
 (E-mail applicants will be required to sign prior to actual trip date)

* If under 18, a parent/guardian must also sign and date below.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: ____/____/____
 (E-mail applicants will be required to sign prior to actual trip date)

When completed in full please mail this 2-page application to:

**Indy Honor Flight, Guardian Apps
 PO Box 10
 Plainfield, IN 46168**