



APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARD

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PART I - APPLICANT ( Please Print or Type)

- Mr.
Mrs.
Ms.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: Apt.

City/State: Zip Code:

Phone: Birthdate: MO DAY YR ID#:

\*\*\* MUST PRESENT A CURRENT, VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID \*\*\*

PART II I, hereby agree to the release and authorize the health care professional completing this application to release to Sun Metro Transit information about my disability in order to verify my eligibility for reduced-fare transportation.

PART III Must be completed by Licensed Professional only & accompanied by certification letter

PART III PERMANENT (As Defined by Criteria Checked on Reverse Side)

This information certified true and correct.

Name Title
Agency Phone
Address City
Signature Date

PART IV Must be completed by Licensed Professional, Social Service Agency or Mobility Instructor

PART IV TEMPORARY (As Defined by Criteria Checked on Reverse Side)

This applicant has a temporary disability which can be expected to last months. This information certified true and correct. (no more than 12 months)

Name Title
Agency Social Service Worker Cert
Phone Address City
Signature Date

Definition of "DISABILITY": a condition or impairment that may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or a combination of multiple factors, and that includes severe and persistent mental illnesses which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment.

**Section 1.** The person permanently employs a wheelchair.

**Section 2.** The person who has any condition requiring the use of

- a walker       crutches       leg or foot braces       other \_\_\_\_\_  
 wheelchair       cane       wheelchair stroller

**Section 3.** The person who has one or more missing limbs or anatomical deformity of a limb: Use of prosthetic devices.

The person who is legally blind. Those persons whose vision in the better eye after best correction is 20/200 or less; and those persons whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision).

or,

**Section 4.** The person who has a severe hearing impairment. Deafness or hearing incapacity that may make an individual insecure in public areas because the individual is unable to communicate or hear warning signals, including only those persons whose hearing loss is 90+dB or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz. ranges.

**Section 5.** The person who has a cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or respiratory condition which significantly interferes with coordination, endurance, strength and mobility.

**Section 6.** The person has neurological conditions which significantly interfere with coordination, strength, or endurance such as polio, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis or paralysis.

**Section 7.** The person has a musculo-skeletal condition which significantly impairs motor skills, such as muscular dystrophy, severe rheumatism or severe arthritis affecting two or more limbs. American Rheumatism Association criteria may be used as a guideline for the determination of arthritic disability. Therapeutic Grade II or worse and Functional Class III or worse and Anatomical State II or worse are evidence of arthritic disability.

**Section 8.** The person who has a disabling mental condition which results in a reduced capacity to perform actions necessary for use of transportation without receiving special training.

**Developmental disability.** Mental disability that originates before age 18.

**Adult intellectual disability**

**Autism.** Monotonously repetitive motor behavior, severe withdrawal, inappropriate response to stimuli and very inadequate social relationships.

**Neurological disabilities.** Neurological and physical impairments not controlled by medication (i.e. cerebral palsy or multiple sclerosis).

**Organic brain syndrome/emotionally disturbed.** Adults who have severe and persistent mental illness which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety disorder, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, delusional disorder or other severely disabling disorders.

**Section 9.** Needs Dialysis treatment (must use kidney machine). Stage 5, requiring dialysis.

**Section 10.** The person who has Epilepsy. Clinical disorder involving impairment of consciousness, characterized by major motor seizures (grand mal or psychomotor) substantiated by EEG occurring within the past year in spite of prescribed treatment. With: a) Diurnal episodes or, b) Nocturnal episodes which show residuals interfering with activity during the day.

**Section 11.** Those who are enrolled in a drug rehabilitation therapy, as mandated by court orders based on the following criteria:

1. The individual attending a drug rehabilitation program must be enrolled:
  - a. with a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor
  - b. be current with all appointments
  - c. have court orders in file that mandate the applicant to receive treatment



## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A medical certification (letter) is required along with application to inform Sun Metro about the functional ability of the applicant to use regularly scheduled Sun Metro Bus Service. The criterion for eligibility is not the applicant's "medical status" per se; it is the *functional ability* of the applicant to use regularly scheduled Sun Metro transit service. If the applicant is able to use such service but experiences extreme difficulty in doing so due to his/her medical condition, he/she is eligible. If the functional limitation that results from the medical condition is presently corrected by medical treatment, such as medication, the applicant does not qualify, if so certified by a licensed professional.

Sun Metro will assess information and will make an appropriate evaluation of applicant's request to determine eligibility and duration for participation in the Reduced Fare Program. Information will remain on file and is not subject to public review. Sun Metro reserves the right to make a final determination of eligibility.

Conditions that do not qualify are; pregnancy, obesity, controlled epilepsy, contagious diseases that pose a danger to other passengers, and less severe mental illnesses. Low income or drug or alcohol addiction alone does not qualify an individual for reduced fare.

Sun Metro will approve applicants applying for reduced fares on the basis of their being diagnosed with such conditions by a certification letter as required by the reduced fare application. Licensed professionals from whom Certification letters would be acceptable for purposes of determining eligibility for Reduce Fares will include the following:

- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Physician Assistants (PA)
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDC)
- Medical Doctor (MD)
- Doctors of Osteopathy (DO)

Licensed professional's certification/letter should contain the following:

- The applicant's disability and/or impairment
- State if disability is permanent or temporary
- State if diagnosis is controlled by medication
- How disability relates to one of the eligibility criteria listed on application, what substantially limits a major life activity, such as caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, etc. that further meets the legal standard for reduced-fare eligibility.

Criteria for eligibility for a Reduced Fare ID Card:

- Significant difficulty in walking more than one block
- Significant difficulty in getting on or off a standard bus
- Significant difficulty in standing, sitting down or standing up in a moving vehicle
- Significant difficulty in using stairs or escalators
- Inability to read informational signs or symbols because of disability
- Inability to hear announcements by operators while in public transit vehicles
- Have severe and persistent mental illnesses which require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment (See Section 8)
- Enrolled in a drug rehabilitation therapy as mandated by court orders (See Section 11)