

## Guardian FAQ

### Applying to go as a Guardian

- Are there any requirements in order to be a guardian?
  - You need to pay your cost of the trip. The current cost is \$1500 which covers air and land transportation, food, lodging, attraction entrance fees, flight bag, and clothing.
  - If you are a family member of a veteran you must be 16 years or older. If you are not a family member, you need to be 18 years or older.
  - You must be in good physical health, have good eyesight and hearing and be able to walk and lift 40lbs.
  - Your responsibility on the trip is to assist your veteran with whatever they need which may include pushing your veteran in a wheelchair a significant distance.
  - You will be part of a team along with the other guardians who will load and unload veterans and equipment on and off the bus. You will be part of a “bucket brigade” so you will need to be agile, mobile, able to squat, and able to lift 40 lbs.
- How do I apply?
  - Applications can be downloaded from our web site <http://www.honorflightccc.org/Applications.html> or contact us at PO Box 1750, Paso Robles CA 93447 or call us at (805)909-2030 or email [honorflightccc@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightccc@gmail.com).
    - NOTE: If you submit your application via email you don't need to sign it. We will get your signature later on in the process
- How are guardians chosen?
  - In most cases guardians are family members (children or grandchildren) of the veteran. **Spouses and companions are not eligible to be guardians.**
  - Non-family member guardians will be interviewed by an Honor Flight representative before they are chosen for a flight.
- What if I am chosen as a non-family member guardian and can't go on the trip?
  - You will remain on the list and contacted the next time a non-family member guardian is needed.
- Will I get confirmation after I apply?
  - No. We will use the contact information from your application to contact you when we need a volunteer guardian.

### Once you are chosen to go as a Guardian

- How will I be notified that you need me to go on a trip?
  - We will contact you via the contact information on your application, usually a phone call.
- When will I get specific information about the trip?
  - Once you are chosen to go on a trip you will receive a letter from us outlining the process. The letter includes the detailed flight itinerary, hotel, and other information. A couple of weeks before the trip there will be a luncheon for the

veterans and their guardians held at the San Luis Obispo American Legion where additional details will be given.

- How many Tours do you do a year?
  - We currently, based on our fundraising efforts, do two Tour of Honor trips a year. Usually one in the spring and one in the fall.
- How soon after I am notified is my payment due?
  - You can make two equal installments if you wish; the first is due two months before the trip and the second is due the month before the trip.
  - If you pay by credit card we have to pass on to you the service fee (currently 4%) that we are charged by the credit card processing companies.
- What is the general schedule of the trip?
  - In general it is a three day trip. You are responsible for getting to the San Luis Obispo airport, usually for an early morning flight. We arrive in Washington DC area in the late afternoon. The next two days are spent visiting war memorials and other sites of interest via bus. At the end of the third day we fly home, usually arriving in the evening.
- Will I have my own room or will I be sharing? If so, with whom?
  - All rooms have double queen beds. You will most likely be staying with your veteran unless you are not a family member and of the opposite gender.
- What does the guardian fees cover, what other costs could there be?
  - Your guardian fee pays all your transportation costs: air and land transportation, food, lodging, attraction entrance fees, flight bag, and clothing. Any incidentals such as souvenirs you will have to pay for on the trip.
- What will I need to pack?
  - Pack light. You won't check any bags for the flight. You will be given a flight bag with two t-shirts and a jacket for the trip. You will be able to bring the flight bag and one additional carry-on bag if needed. You will be given written instructions concerning packing at the luncheon.