ServiceDogCentral.org answers: Do you qualify for a service dog?
under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act

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Yes

Are you disabled?

No

You do not qualify for a service dog.

Yes

You do not qualify as disabled under the ADA.

"People think I'm disabled, but I'm not substantially limited in any major life activity."

None

Option 1

"I have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of my major life activities* currently or episodically."

Option 2

"I was disabled in the past, but I'm not currently substantially limited in any major life activity."

Option 3

Which best describes your situation?

Are there things you need help to do because your disability prevents you from doing them for yourself?

Yes

Do these things include anything that is NOT personal protection, emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship?

No

Yes

You may qualify for a service dog provided one can be trained to do these things for you.

Are these things a dog might be able to do for you?

No

Yes

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* According to the ADA [Sec. 12102(2)(A)], *major life activities* include, but are not limited to, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working.

† Title II addresses access to accommodations of state and local governments while Title III addresses access to public accommodations. There are different criteria for qualifying for a service animal for housing (under the Fair Housing Act) or flying (under the Air Carrier Access Act).