

BASIC FLOW FOR JOINING THE ST. MARY'S PET THERAPY PROGRAM

This diagram is intended to show the basic flow that may be followed for joining the St. Mary's Pet Therapy Program. The key difference is that if you are applying for the scholarship, you will first need to interview with Volunteer Services. A few other important things to understand are:

- St. Mary's Hospital Pet Therapy Program Is Not Associated With Any National Pet Therapy Organization.
- While special exceptions can be made based on past experience, teams are expected to have taken a class specifically related to Pet Therapy (as opposed to basic obedience classes). The Program does orient new teams and provides additional training, as necessary, for situations unique to a hospital setting.
- You cannot be reimbursed for expenses already incurred; tax laws require that scholarship funds be paid directly by the St. Mary's Foundation to an organization. They cannot pay funds directly to an individual.
- Scholarships also are available to cover a portion of the registration fees due to Delta Society and Therapy Dogs, Inc. At this point, Therapy Dogs International will not accept checks from the Foundation.

