



**GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 394, Chester, MD 21618-0394**  
**Website: www.goldheart.org Email: goldheart@goldheart.org**

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Adoption Application**
- Foster To Adopt Application**
- Foster Care Provider Application**

The adoption process for GoldHeart GRR requires you to complete this application and submit the required non-refundable \$30 application processing fee donation. Goldheart volunteers first check your vet reference and will then schedule a home visit and check your personal references. A Home Visit Volunteer will contact you to set up a convenient time to come to your home, meet with you and your family, and answer any questions you may have about adopting a dog from GoldHeart.

**PROCESSING TIME NOTIFICATION:** GOLDHEART's all-volunteer team periodically faces application backlogs, **resulting in a 6-12 week processing time.** We appreciate your patience and understanding, and apologize in advance, but it may be many weeks before we get to your application.

*Note: Please check your Spam/Junk email folder for communications from GoldHeart if you haven't heard from us within 6 weeks of submitting your application. We have no control over your Internet provider and how they block/filter incoming email.*

**Please attach a separate sheet with information that you feel is pertinent, or to explain answers more fully.**  
**Applicants must be 21 years old.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Type of Residence (circle one): House, Townhouse, Apartment, Condo, Mobile Home, Duplex, With Parents
2. Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention renters: A copy of your lease, or a notarized statement from landlord confirming a large dog is permitted must be attached or application can't be processed until we receive it.**

3. How did you hear about GHGRR? Pls. specify (i.e. person's name) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you applied to other rescues? \_\_\_\_\_ How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been approved? \_\_\_\_\_

Applied to foster?  Yes  No      Applied to adopt?  Yes  No

If you applied to foster, why are you interested infostering? \_\_\_\_\_

A successful adoption depends on selecting the right Golden for your household and a good understanding of the dog's needs and care requirements. Please help us with this process by answering the following questions fully and completely.

5. Why do you want to adopt a Golden Retriever? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Will the dog be used for hunting, protection, companion, guard dog? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever owned a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you previously owned a Golden? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Rescued Golden retrievers vary in age. What age do you prefer?  Under 1 yr.,  1-3yrs.,  3-6yrs.,  Over 6yrs.,  No preference  
(Select all that apply)

9. Do you prefer:  Male  Female  No preference.

10. Would you consider a Special Needs Golden that requires medication for a permanent but controlled condition?  Yes  No

Which conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

11. On a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being a very quiet dog and 5 being a very energetic dog) what activity level best fits your family situation? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Good dog care in our area can easily cost \$3000 or more annually. Are you willing and able to spend this amount to support a dog?  Yes  No  
(This includes annual vet care, inoculations, parasite testing, monthly heartworm preventative, quality dog food, toys, miscellaneous equipment, boarding/kennel/pet sitting fees, grooming, supplies etc.)

13. Do you have a completely fenced yard?  Yes  No Type of fence: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximately how large is your fenced area? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you consider installing a traditional fence?  Yes  No An invisible fence  Yes  No

14. How will your dog be exercised? How Often? Will the dog be allowed off lead? Who will supervise these outdoor activities? (This includes any time your dog is outdoors.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Will the Golden ever be tied or left outside for exercise or potty breaks?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you have:  Dog Door  Outside Kennel  Dog Run  Tieout Stake  Overhead Cable  Dog House  Crate

17. Please list all adult residents of the home other than applicants \_\_\_\_\_

18. How many children in the home? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ Do they have experience with large dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

What will children's involvement in the new Golden be? Please explain on a separate sheet if needed. \_

19. Do you baby sit or provide in home child day care? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how often & for how many? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Where will the Golden stay when no one is home? Be specific: \_\_\_\_\_ How many hours alone? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Where will the Golden sleep at night? Be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Is someone home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_ Who in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

23. **Do you have other pets? Please list them and describe their temperament (use a separate sheet if necessary)**  
(breed/age/sex/alterd/dominant/submissive/friendly/hyper/jealous/grumpy, pls also add special needs you're accustomed to care for routinely i.e. clean/medicate ears, meds, orthopedic or surgical rehab, clipping nails, brushing teeth, etc) Where are your other pets now?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Alterd</u>	<u>In Home Now?</u>	<u>Temperament-Special Needs?</u>
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24. Are your other pets up to date on vaccines and Heartworm preventative?  Yes  No

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Please describe a typical day in your household starting from the time you get up until you go to bed below (or include a separate sheet).

26. Who will be primary care taker? \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Who will care for your Golden while you vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

28. If you move, what will happen to the Golden? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Are you prepared and willing to be responsible for the care of the Golden for the next 10 or more years of his life? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Does anyone in the household have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ Have asthma? \_\_\_\_\_ How controlled? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Have you ever attended obedience classes with a former or current dog? (When/Where?) \_\_\_\_\_

Agility Classes?  Yes  No When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Participated in any canine sports with your dog?  Yes  No Which sport? \_\_\_\_\_

How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the course? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

32. Are you willing to attend obedience classes with your new dog?  Yes  No If No, why? \_\_\_\_\_

33. Have you ever crated a dog?  Yes  No When? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to do so now? \_\_\_\_\_

34. If you prefer **not** to crate why? \_\_\_\_\_

35. How many hours are your dog(s) be alone at home each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Where?  Crate  Free in home  Confined to specific area, where? \_\_\_\_\_

36. Has a dog ever been stolen, lost or die prematurely? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

37. Has it ever been necessary to sell or give a pet away? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Have you ever surrendered a dog to a shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

39. Please provide the name and phone number for three non-family references:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

40. Who is your intended veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's address:

I acknowledge that all information provided on this form is true and correct. I/we also acknowledge that a home visit will be scheduled before the application process can be completed. I/we give GHGRR permission to check all my/our references. I/we understand that any misrepresentations of fact may result in the decline of my/our application and/or removal by GHGRR of the adopted dog from my/our possession.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CO-APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**There is a non-refundable application fee of \$30.00.  
Please enclose check payable to GoldHeart GRR with your application.  
Please submit your application online or mail hard copy of your application & fee to:**

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