

Dear ParaTransit Applicant:

I am enclosing an application for Westchester County's Bee-Line ParaTransit system, a curb-to-curb alternative for people whose disabilities prevent them from using standard fixed route buses.

Please take a few minutes to read the enclosed materials that explain the parameters of this program; then answer the questions regarding your inability to use regular public transportation. Incomplete applications will delay the review process. You must also have your physician complete the Doctor's certification form that you will find attached to the back of the application.

Upon completion of your application you must call The Office for the Disabled to set up an interview to review your application. **Please do not mail in the application, you must bring it with you on the day of your interview.** Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. Please note that ParaTransit service will be provided to and from the interview upon request. The ParaTransit fare will cost \$3.00 each way. To schedule your appointment you must call **(914) 995-2960**.

Upon arrival at the Westchester County Office building you are required to enter, via the entrance on Court St. from the parking lot. It is highly recommended that if you need assistance, you should bring someone with you. We will not provide assistance from the parking lot but the person you bring with you will not be charged the fare.

**Paratransit Interviews will be waived under the following conditions only:**

- 1) **If you are over the age of 80.**  
-or-
- 2) **Applying for Temporary use (3 months to one year usage).**  
-or-
- 3) **If you have been approved for the ParaTransit program anywhere in the United States.**

If you are not required to come in for an interview, please mail your application to:

**Westchester County Office for the Disabled  
148 Martine Ave. Room 102  
White Plains, NY 10601**

**In order to process your ParaTransit application, you must submit two (2) 1 ½" x 1 ½" photos to be used on your rider ID card.** You may cut an existing photo to size if necessary. **Your application will not be processed without a photo.** If you have additional questions about ParaTransit, please call us at (914) 995-2956 (v), (914) 995-7397 (TTY Only).

Sincerely,

Evan Latainer, Director  
Office for the Disabled

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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY ADA  
APPLICATION FOR BEELINE PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

**What is Para Transit?**

Para Transit is an alternative, curb-to-curb, demand-responsive public transportation service. It is designed to "mirror" the Bee-Line fixed-route service in terms of service times and areas.

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**Who Qualifies for Para Transit?**

Para Transit service is designed to serve ONLY those persons whose severity of disability prevents them from using public transportation. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), disability alone does not qualify a person to ride Para Transit. A person must be FUNCTIONALLY unable to use the fixed-route Bee-Line service. Service is provided to the following three general groups of persons with disabilities.

1. Person's who have specific impairment-related conditions which make it IMPOSSIBLE - not just DIFFICULT to travel to or from the bus stop.
2. Person's who need a wheelchair lift when a wheelchair lift-equipped bus is not available on the route that they need to travel.
3. Person's who are unable to board, ride or exit from the Bee-Line buses even if they are able to get to a bus stop and the bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift.

**Please initial in the area provided below after you have read in full the above information.**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. If a question does not apply to you, clearly mark N/A in the space provided. Please note this application must be filled out in its entirety or it will be returned.

**PART I GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT. #: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Indicate **INTERSECTION AND / OR LANDMARK** nearest to your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate **BUS STOP** nearest to your home & approximate distance:

5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Work: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you enrolled for Medicaid? Yes  No

If yes, please give Medicaid Number:

What type of transportation have you been approved for by Medicaid?

Bus  Taxi  Ambulette  Ambulance

8. If someone assisted you in completing this form, please identify them:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT'S DISABILITY**

9. Please check the reason(s) why you are seeking ADA Para transit eligibility.

I can use regular BEE-LINE buses to go some places, but not for other places.

I can use regular BEE-LINE buses sometimes, but only if they are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

I can NEVER use a BEE-LINE because (Explain briefly): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. From the following list, please check off all disabilities or symptoms that prevent you from boarding, riding or disembarking from public buses. **All areas checked off must be stated in the doctor's certification part of this application.**

**General Medical Condition**

Cancer \_\_\_\_\_  
Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_  
Renal \_\_\_\_\_  
Organ Transplant \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Vision / Hearing / Speech Conditions**

Aphasia \_\_\_\_\_  
Cataracts \_\_\_\_\_  
Glaucoma \_\_\_\_\_  
Diabetic Retinopathy \_\_\_\_\_  
Visual Field Deficit \_\_\_\_\_  
Night Blindness \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially Blind \_\_\_\_\_  
Legally Blind \_\_\_\_\_  
(20/200 or worse) \_\_\_\_\_  
Totally Blind \_\_\_\_\_  
(No light perception) \_\_\_\_\_  
Deaf \_\_\_\_\_  
Deaf / Blind \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Heart & Circulatory Conditions**

Angina \_\_\_\_\_  
Congestive Heart Failure \_\_\_\_\_  
Edema \_\_\_\_\_  
Heart Surgery \_\_\_\_\_  
High Blood Pressure \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Neuromuscular Condition**

Cerebral Palsy \_\_\_\_\_  
Brain Injury \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Sclerosis \_\_\_\_\_  
Muscular Dystrophy \_\_\_\_\_  
Paraplegia \_\_\_\_\_  
Parkinson's Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadriplegia \_\_\_\_\_  
Spina Bifida \_\_\_\_\_  
Stroke \_\_\_\_\_  
Vertigo / Dizziness \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Lung & Breathing Conditions**

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Asthma \_\_\_\_\_  
Cystic Fibrosis \_\_\_\_\_  
Emphysema \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Bone & Joint Conditions**

Amputation \_\_\_\_\_  
Broken Bone \_\_\_\_\_  
Arthritis \_\_\_\_\_  
Osteoarthritis \_\_\_\_\_  
Osteoporosis \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Cognitive / Psychological**

Alzheimer's \_\_\_\_\_  
Autism \_\_\_\_\_  
Dementia \_\_\_\_\_  
Mental Retardation \_\_\_\_\_  
Panic Disorder \_\_\_\_\_  
Schizophrenia \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is the disability described above: Temporary  -OR- Permanent

**IF TEMPORARY IS IT:**

3 to 6 months  6 to 9 months  9 to 12 months

**Part III MOBILITY AID INFORMATION**

12. If you use mobility aids, check all those that apply:

**Manual Wheelchair**  **Motorized wheelchair**

Reclining  Extended Foot Rest

Please give the length and size of wheel base: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scooter (i.e. Amigo)**

3 Wheeled  4 Wheeled

Please give the length and size of wheel base: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: We may not be able to accommodate you if your wheelchair / scooter is longer than 48" or wider than 32" or if your total weight including wheelchair / scooter is more than 600 pounds.**

**Walking Device:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folding Walker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Folding Walker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crutches        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cane               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long White Cane | <input type="checkbox"/> Leg Brace          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Animal  |   |

13. Using a mobility aid or on your own, how far can you travel? Please check all that apply.

- I can not travel outside my house / apartment. \_\_\_\_\_
- I can get to the curb in front of my house / apartment. \_\_\_\_\_
- I can not travel more than 200 feet. \_\_\_\_\_
- I can travel up to 3 blocks (1/4 mile). \_\_\_\_\_
- I can travel up to 6 blocks (1/2 mile). \_\_\_\_\_
- I can travel up to 9 blocks (3/4 mile). \_\_\_\_\_

14. Will an aide or attendant be traveling with you? Yes  No

15. How do you currently travel? (Check all that apply)

- |                        |                          |                       |                          |       |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Drive myself           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bee-Line Para Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> | Taxi  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Someone else drives    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Van/Car Service       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Train | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regular Bus (Bee-Line) | <input type="checkbox"/> | OTHER:                | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                          |

**PART IV QUESTIONS ABOUT USING BEE-LINE BUSES**

16. Have you ever used regular Bee-Line buses? Yes  No

If you answered no please explain further: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Which of the following are you able to do on a regular Bee-line Bus?  
**Please check Yes or No.**

- |  |                              |                             |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Can you read a Bus Schedule (including TDD, tape, voice) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you calculate the correct fare?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you put the fare in the box?                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you cross the street when you get off the bus?       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you follow instructions in an emergency?             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you know where to get off?                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you reach your destination when you get off the bus? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you get on and off a bus without a lift or ramp?     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered "No" to any of the above, how does your disability make it **IMPOSSIBLE**?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you able to get to and from regular Bee Line bus stops on your own or using a mobility aide?

**Please check all that apply.**

I cannot if there are no curb cuts.

I cannot if road surface is uneven.

I cannot if the street or sidewalk is too steep.

I cannot cross busy street and intersections.

I cannot find my way at night because of a vision problem.

I get confused and cannot find my way.

I probably could with instruction.

I feel unsafe traveling alone.

I can not recognize landmarks.

I cannot travel outside when it is: Too Hot  Too Cold

When there is Snow / Ice on the ground

If you checked any of the above boxes please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Can you wait 10-15 minutes for a regular Bee-Line bus at a bus stop? Yes  No

**If No, please explain:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Can you climb three 11-inch steps or find a seat by yourself without the assistance of another person? Yes  No

**If No, please explain:**

\_\_\_\_\_

21. Have you ever received Travel Training for bus use? Yes  No

Was the training successfully completed? Yes  No

If so, please provide the following information:

Name of Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you like to participate in the Travel Training Program? Yes  No

Please explain if you checked **no**. \_\_\_\_\_

22. To better understand your needs please list the three trips that you will make most frequently using Para Transit. Please list origin of trip and destination and the number of trips to that destination each week.

1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Trips Per Week \_\_\_\_\_

2. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Trips Per Week \_\_\_\_\_

3. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Trips Per Week \_\_\_\_\_

**PART V APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION, CONSENT OF RELEASE OF APPLICATION INFORMATION**

I understand that my application will be returned if it is **not complete**. I confirm that all the information that I provide on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my application is subject to review and verification and that misrepresentation of any material information will lead to the revocation of my certification. I understand that a false statement made herein may result in the rejection of my application for Para Transit service.

I agree to notify Westchester County Office for the Disabled /Bee-line Para transit at 995-PARA (7272) if I no longer need Para transit for any reason, including a change in my ability to use bus service. I also understand that failure to adhere to the policies and procedures for using Para transit may be grounds for suspending or revoking my eligibility to participate in this program.

In the event that I apply for Para Transit eligibility in another community, I hereby authorize Bee-line Para Transit to release the information on my Para Transit application to such agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE:

**\*PLEASE NOTE THIS APPLICATION MAY TAKE UP TO 21 DAYS TO PROCESS.**

**(PLEASE HAVE YOUR MEDICAL DOCTOR COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF THIS APPLICATION)**

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Dear Doctor:

The applicant who has asked you to review the information on the application and to sign this form is applying for eligibility for Westchester Para Transit service. Please read the following information carefully since it may affect your response. Please write clearly.

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**PART VI DOCTORS CERTIFICATION**

Please review the medical information provided in the application and fill out the certification as is appropriate and sign the document. The information you provide will assist us in serving ONLY those who need Para Transit.

Certification of Disability: **(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLE)**

I, (Name of Physician): \_\_\_\_\_  
certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Patient) to be a  
severely disabled person who has been a patient of mine since \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) and  
whose diagnosis is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe the physical and/or cognitive condition and how it functionally prevents the applicant from using Bee-Line bus service.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I also certify that the medical information provided in the application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and is consistent with the applicant's medical diagnosis.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Physician)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(License Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**Understanding This Application Form**

I understand the purpose of this application form is to determine if I, the applicant am eligible to use the ADA Para Transit service according to the guidelines of the American with Disability Act.

I understand that this application cannot be processed if it is not complete. I understand that the Office for the Disabled may contact my healthcare professional/agency to verify my disability. I understand that a representative from the Office for the Disabled may need to talk to me or see me at a later date to clarify or get further information.

I understand that all information will be kept confidential; only the information required will be disclosed to those who perform those services.

I understand the application process can take up to 21 days from the time Para Transit receives a complete application. If my application is returned for clarification or additional information, this can delay the process. I will receive notification of the determination of this application. If I am eligible for this service on a permanent, temporary or conditional basis, I will be given a Para Transit information packet along with a Para Transit I.D card.

I understand that I may appeal the determination within 60 days after receipt of written notification if I am determined not eligible for ADA Para Transit service or if I am dissatisfied with my eligibility type.

I understand if the Office for the Disabled receives new information regarding a change in my functional or cognitive ability, my eligibility status may be reviewed and changed.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in denial of service as well as penalty under the law.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature/Mark)

Co-signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Guardian or Person assisted with this application)

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX</b>			
Eligibility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unconditional	<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary: (Until) Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
PCA:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SA:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
MA: _____			
<b>Condition(s) or Reason(s) for Denial:</b>			