



Oak Forest Community Bus Para-Transit Policy

Effective November 1, 2008 disabled riders 18 and older will be allowed to ride the Oak Forest Community Bus. The following criteria must be met in order to use the service.

1. Any potential disabled user must register for the bus as do all senior riders.
2. As part of the registration, proof of need will have to be shown. This can be done with one of the following:
 - Disability plates or a handicapped placard issued by the State of Illinois Secretary of State office.
 - An Illinois disabled person identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State office
 - Certification issued by the RTA's ADA Para-transit Certification Program
 - Have a doctor's note that says that the person meets the definition of ADA disability, which is as follows.
 1. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;
 2. Has a record of such an impairment; or
 3. Is regarded as having such an impairment.
3. Any person needing wheel chair lift capabilities will be asked to call at least one day in advance to help insure that the bus will be available. If a rider that needs to use the lift calls the same dial to the dial a ride number, they will be served on a first come first serve basis like everyone else.
4. One companion can travel with a registered user if space permits, Further, persons with disabilities may ride with a service animal, that being an animal that is "trained to assist persons who have hearing impairments, mobility limitations, seizure disorders, mental impairments and other types of disabilities if space permits.