



ADA Paratransit Application

Purpose of Paratransit

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Proline ADA Paratransit provides trips that have the riders origin and destination within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of SARTA's fixed routes. If there are changes to SARTA's fixed routes this may impact SARTA's ADA Zone.

Proline PLUS provides trips that have the riders origin or destination outside of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of SARTA's fixed routes.

SARTA **only** provides transportation services.

Submit original applications by mail, in person at one of SARTA's transit centers or by fax to 330-454-5476.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority Proline Services
1600 Gateway Blvd.,
SE Canton, OH 44707

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1. A social service-sponsored transportation program.
2. For group trips.
3. Designed to meet the needs of every disabled person; some people may require more service or assistance than SARTA's Proline services can provide.
4. For individuals who can use the regular SARTA fixed route buses but do not want to.
5. A door-to-door service that uses residential driveways. Drivers do not go beyond the curb, but may escort passengers to and from outer doors of a building, upon request. If residential driveway use is requested, a reasonable modification must be approved (see page 8 for more information).
6. Responsible for the custodial care of passengers.
7. Capable of being a mobility aid for a passenger.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, please call:

Proline: 330.455.2292
(Option #1, Priority Care Line)

Toll Free: 1.800.379.3661

TTY Ohio Relay Service:
1.800.750.0750

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To apply for Proline Services, Proline ADA Paratransit and Proline PLUS, complete the following application, which includes having the medical verification form completed by a physician licensed to diagnose your disability/condition and speak to your ability to use Fixed Route Bus Service. It is important that you identify a physician who is familiar not only with your disability, but who also understands your ability or inability to travel by bus (Fixed and/or Paratransit).

SARTA notifies applicants of their eligibility determination no later than 21 days after SARTA has received the completed application, including the medical verification form.

Every question must be answered completely for SARTA to review your application. If all questions are not answered your application will be returned.

Eligibility

Eligibility is based on whether a disability/condition prevents one from performing the tasks required to ride the fixed route service some or all of the time. Age, income, access to and distances to the nearest stop are not determining factors for ADA eligibility.

Factors that are evaluated are:

1. A person's ability to navigate the fixed route system independently.
2. How a person's functional disability/condition affects their ability to travel, all or some of the time, to get to SARTA's fixed route services.

Does paratransit make sense for me?

Yes, IF:

You cannot board, ride, or get off a bus, even if it is accessible, because of my disability.

Example: I need an attendant (Personal Care Attendant**) to help board, ride, or get off the bus.

Example: I have a cognitive disability if I do not know where to get off the bus or how to go to my destination from the bus stop.

Example: I have a visual impairment, if I do not have the travel skills needed to navigate the route to my destination.

My disability prevents me from getting to or from the transit center/hub or bus stop. In this case, the impairment must prevent travel to or from a bus stop; significant inconvenience or difficulty is not enough.

**Personal Care Attendant (PCA) is a person who assists older and disabled individuals with a range of tasks and services. A PCA is provided by the passenger not SARTA, when needed, on SARTA Proline services.

SARTA'S ADA PARATRANSIT APPLICATION

Personal Information			
First Name:	MI:	Last Name:	D.O.B. ____/____/____
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Notification Calls: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/>	
Email address:	U.S. Armed Forces Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Existing Proline Client ID Number:	
Home Address			
Street Address (include Apt Name & Number/Lot Number) :	City:	ZIP Code:	
Mailing Address (if different from above)			
Street Address:	City:	ZIP Code:	
Emergency Contact			
First Name	Last Name:	Phone:	

Applicant's Release

I understand the purpose of this evaluation form is to determine my eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service and will be kept confidential and shared only with professionals involved in evaluating my eligibility. I understand that providing false or misleading information could result in my eligibility status being revoked.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

If applicant is unable to sign this form, he/she may have someone sign on his/her behalf.

Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Date: ____/____/____

General

1. Have you ever used SARTA's fixed route service? Yes No

If yes, which routes?

If no, why not?

2. List the 3 most frequent destinations you travel to and how you get there?

Destination Name _____

- Address _____
- How frequently do you travel to this location in a month? _____
- Method of transportation _____

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Disability/Condition

3. What disability/condition have you been diagnosed with?

4. Does your disability/condition prevent you from using SARTA's fixed route service? Yes No

If answer is yes please explain.

5. Is your disability/condition considered permanent? Yes No

a. If no, when will you be able to resume normal travel patterns? Date: _____

6. Does your disability/condition make it difficult for you to understand or remember how to find your way to and from bus stop? Yes No

a. If yes, please explain.

7. Does your disability/condition change day to day or seasonally Yes No

If yes, explain. _____

8. Please explain in detail how your disability/condition prevents you from using SARTA's Fixed Route services? _____

9. Are you able to do the following functions independently?

	Yes	Sometimes	No
Find your way between familiar locations			
Grasp coins, passes and handles			
Communicate address, destinations and telephone numbers on request			
Ask for, understand and follow directions			
Deal with unexpected situations or unexpected changes in routine			
Go up and down steps			
Recognize a destination or landmark?			
Walk or use a wheelchair/scooter 200 feet (<i>A city block</i>)			
Walk or use a wheelchair/scooter and travel ¼ mile (1,300 feet/just under 4 ½ football fields)			
Balance while seated			
Follow written and oral instructions to pay bus fare			

Explain sometimes and no responses:

Mobility

10. Can you get to a bus stop nearest to your home by yourself? Yes No

If no, explain. _____

11. Does weather affect your ability to use SARTA's Fixed Route services? Yes No

If yes, explain. _____

Mobility Device

12. Please indicate any mobility aid devices you use when traveling. Please check all that apply.

- Support Cane
- Long White Cane
- Crutches
- Service Animal
- Walker
- Oversized Walker
- Powered Wheelchair
- Manual Wheelchair
- Oxygen Tank
- Hearing Device
- Other: _____ (Please specify)

13. If you use a wheelchair or scooter, is the combined weight of you and the device over 800 pounds?

Yes, What is the total weigh? _____

No

14. If you use a wheelchair or scooter, does your residence have a ramp for the device?

Yes

No, How many steps? _____

How do you transport your device to street level?

15. Are you able to maneuver your device on and off ramp?

Yes No

16. A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) is a person who will assist you to and from the bus. Do you require a (PCA)? Yes No

If yes, please explain. *Note Driver is not PCA

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Medical Verification Form

The individual presenting this form to you is applying for SARTA's Proline ADA Paratransit and Proline PLUS service. They are curb-to-curb, shared-ride services for individuals whose disability prevents them from using SARTA's fixed route buses under certain circumstances or all the time.

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Disability alone, distance to and from a bus stop, or the availability of fixed route bus service, is not by itself, a qualifier for Proline services. In addition, eligibility for other programs is not a qualifier nor is finding it uncomfortable or inconvenient to ride a SARTA fixed route bus. As a medical professional your evaluation must be based solely upon the individual's ability to use SARTA's fixed route service.

Only professionals who have knowledge of the applicant's functional ability or limitations to use SARTA's fixed route service should complete this form.

*Please be aware that SARTA's fixed route buses are 100% accessible

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Patient Information			
Patient First Name:	MI:	Patient Last Name:	D.O.B. ____/____/____
Physician Information			
Physician First Name:	Physician Last Name:	Title (DO, MD, etc.):	
Name of Practice:			Medical License No.:
Street Address:	City:	ZIP Code:	

Date of applicant's last visit: _____

Medical diagnosis of disability/condition:

Please describe in detail the impact this disability/condition has on the applicant's ability to use SARTA's Fixed Route services:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. I hereby verify that the diagnosis of disability listed above has been reviewed by me, is accurate and true, and represents the current physical and/or mental condition of the applicant named on this form.

Physician's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

The **original** Medical Verification Form must be received within 30 days of the ADA Paratransit Application. Applications will only be considered completed if both the ADA Paratransit Application and Medical Verification Form are received. Copied, faxed, or scanned forms will not be accepted. Incomplete forms will be returned