

## READERS FOR THE BLIND

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Readers for the Blind Program (RBP) provides funding support up to \$500 per student for districts to employ or contract with individuals to read textbooks and educational materials to students who are legally blind. Current eye reports may be requested as supporting documentation with the application. Applications are submitted to Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) for eligibility confirmation. RBP reimbursement is made the same year services are provided and may be prorated based on available funding.

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:**

Any student who is legally blind and has been certified as such by Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB).

**APPLICATION AND GUIDANCE:**

The RBP Application is an excel spreadsheet where the district enters student dates. The RBP Application and Manual are posted at:

<http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/special-education-finance/other-available-funding>.

**DUE DATE:**

The RBP Application is due November 30 and is submitted via email to [spedfunding@dese.mo.gov](mailto:spedfunding@dese.mo.gov).

**STATUTES:**

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**QUESTIONS:**

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