

STARS

STARS (Specialized Technology and Adaptive Resources for Students) is a year-round program that focuses on Adaptive Technology Instruction and Daily Living Skills training. Technology lessons are designed for school-age children to learn how to use the computer and its programs, and new technology devices. Daily Living Skills is taught to children ages 5 – 14 who need to learn basic daily living skills such as making a bed, folding clothes, brushing teeth, cooking and eating.



Our Mission

The Society enhances independence, empowers individuals and enriches the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired and their families. Caring, qualified staff provide specialized vision rehabilitation, adaptive education, assistive technology and support services.

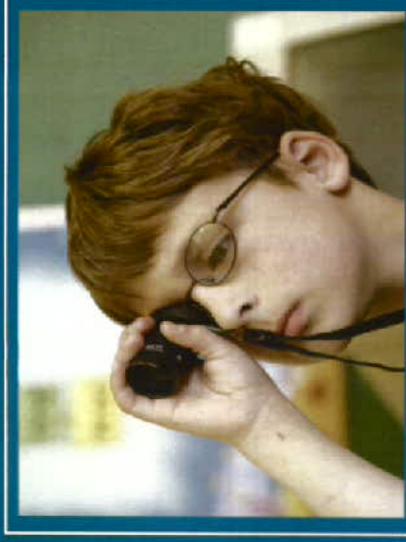
Charitable Status

The Society is a 501c(3) non-profit organization supported by gifts, wills and bequests. The Society is not a United Way agency and receives limited government funding.



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Children's Services



Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

A Night at the Arch

Private Event for Children & Adults Who are Blind or Visually Impaired and Their Families & Friends

**Saturday May 18, 2013, 6 PM to 9 PM
Free Activities and Parking**

The National Park Service, Jefferson National Parks Association and the Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired invite you to a special evening of hands-on, tactile and auditory experiences of the Arch.

Come join us for a free night at the Gateway Arch and the Museum of Westward Expansion!

- **Journey to the Top-** ride a tram to the top of the Arch
- **Hands-On Activities-** build the Arch with foam blocks, Make a branding iron, feel tools, animal furs & bones, clothing and much more
- **Family & Friend Photo** -Free souvenir of your night
- **Movies- Monument to the Dream, Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West** (DVS available)

Reservations Required

**Register by Calling 314-968-9000 or e-mail
arch@sbsbvi.org**

***additional information available at www.sbsbvi.org**

Who is Eligible for LHB Continuing Education Funding?

All legally blind residents in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, Eastern Missouri and the surrounding Western Illinois counties OR children of a legally blind employee of the St. Louis Lighthouse for the Blind are eligible.

EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA

Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student (elementary, middle, high school or college/trade school).

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must submit a completed application and required supporting materials.

Where Can I Find Out More or Apply?

1. Guidelines and applications for awards are available online at www.lhbindustries.com/seeethefuture/contined.asp

2. A legally blind resident of the St. Louis Metro area, Eastern Missouri, and the surrounding western Illinois counties wishing to request an application may:

CALL: 314.423.4333 ext. 132

EMAIL: ayorke@lhbindustries.com

WRITE: Lighthouse for the Blind

10440 Trenton Avenue

Saint Louis, Missouri 63132

Attention: Angie Yorke -

Continuing Education

What Documents Need to be Submitted for Consideration?

A. Completed Application.

B. Certified transcripts from the school you are presently attending or most recently attended.

C. Two letters of recommendation from a current or recent instructor, counselor, employer, community leader, etc.

D. Visual status (BVCA) from an optometrist or ophthalmologist as defined above for legal blindness.

(See Application for Complete Details)



What is Legal Blindness?

Legal Blindness is defined as a visual acuity with best correction in the better eye worse than or equal to 20/200 in degrees, and it manifests itself as tunnel vision, no central vision, cloudy or extremely blurred vision, just shadows or no vision at all. The measurement of legal blindness, 20/200, means that a person who is blind must be 20 feet or closer to see an object that a person with normal visual acuity can see at 200 feet.

Continuing Education Program Guidelines

LHB will be providing financial awards to individuals each calendar year to assist in continuing education. Awards will be granted in the areas of adaptive equipment (to facilitate education), college tuition, and training which enables an individual to succeed in their academic endeavors.

MINIMUM Potential
Award: \$250

MAXIMUM Potential
Award: \$6,000



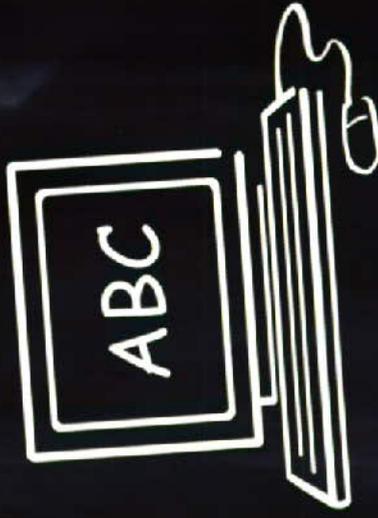
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Our Programs

The "See the Future" programs were first launched in January of 2005. These programs have grown to include assistance to students in areas of technology adaptations, activities of daily living skills development, professional career development for professionals in the field of vision, scholarships to educational and recreational camps, older adult assistance with low vision aids, and a mobile low vision clinic.



Camp Barnabas

Each year, the Lighthouse provides blind and legally blind children ages 7 to 25 years, tuition scholarships to Camp Barnabas. The scholarships granted cover the \$600 tuition for attendance of one term, 7 days of fun, at Camp Barnabas, located in Purdy, Missouri.

Camp Barnabas, caters to a variety of children including those who are blind and legally blind. For one week, these children have the opportunity to shift their focus away from their disability to focus on and enjoy activities that build their courage and expand their belief in themselves.

Camp Barnabas strives to meet the needs of any camper with a disability or special needs. Camp Barnabas also knows that disability and special needs affect the whole family, so siblings of the campers are invited to join in the Camp Barnabas fun.

Camp activities include swimming, horseback riding, field games, arts and crafts, canoeing, shooting rifles, archery, fishing and other outdoor adventures. Camp Barnabas has a fully-accessible high ropes course. Participants utilize adaptive equipment and programming in all activities.

Recipients of a scholarship ARE responsible for paying Camp Barnabas the \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Transportation is also available by bus from St. Louis for a modest fee of \$25 round-trip.

Funding and scholarships are limited, so please apply soon. Awards will be made on a first come first served basis.

Comprehensive Low Vision Project

The Comprehensive Low Vision Project (CLVP) is a year-round program that provides low vision students with functional low vision evaluations, prescribed optical devices, and training in the use of those devices. This program serves the state of Missouri. Some exceptions apply.

WHO: Students, ages 3-21, that have been identified as visually impaired according to Missouri's guidelines for eligibility for special education. Applicants for the program are also considered based on their ability to benefit from prescribed optical devices.

WHAT: Students will receive, at no cost to their families or school districts, a comprehensive low vision evaluation, a complete written report with recommendations for appropriate low vision devices, any devices prescribed (with a few exceptions such as CCTVs or computers), and instruction in the use of those devices in the student's school, home, or community until he or she is proficient in using his or her new tools.

WHEN: Numerous clinics will be held throughout each school year. These clinics take place throughout Missouri to best accommodate students from a variety of locations throughout the region. Dates and times will be set well in advance and publicized via the Lighthouse for the Blind website, as well as, notifications sent thru list serves.

HOW: Students may be referred to the program by family or teachers. The services provided by CLVP do not take the place of regular visits to the student's primary eye care provider such as his or her ophthalmologist or optometrist. Upon referral, the student's education team will be asked to provide the student's most current visual assessments as well as an updated eye report and any vision related IEP goals. Students will then be scheduled for their clinical low vision evaluation at the clinic location closest to the city in which they reside. Family members, vision and/or O&M instructors will attend the session to learn better understand the proposed solutions and to subsequently assist in the best utilization of the solution. Please direct any referrals or questions you may have to Jennifer Coy, Program Director at 573.579.4359 or by email at jcoy@lhbindustries.com.

Group Recreation and Developmental Support

The Group Recreation and Developmental Support (GRADS) groups are sponsored by Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments and supported by the Lighthouse for the Blind. These groups are open to children with visual impairments ages three through high school.

The goals of the GRADS Groups are:

- Develop self-confidence
- Form friendships
- Participate in community activities
- Become more independent
- And have fun

EXPLORERS:

This group is for children in preschool (3 years old) through kindergarten. Monthly meetings are held at the Delta Gamma Center with music, stories, and fun activities. Families of participants are invited on monthly field trips during the summer.

CHALLENGERS:

This group is for children ages 7 - 12 years old. Group meets monthly for 4 hours at the Delta Gamma Center with discussion, book club, facility-based activities, field trips and an annual summer challenge trip.

CHAT & PARTY:

This group is for youth, ages thirteen through high school graduation. Group meets monthly for five hours at the Delta Gamma Center. Activities include discussion sessions, local speakers, book club, facility-based activities, and field trips. Also includes a summer challenge trip.

TANDEM ADVENTURERS:

This group is for children, ages ten through high school graduation. Group offers the opportunity to enjoy tandem cycling, with a cycling buddy, on regularly scheduled rides in the community as well as training to participate in community cycling events.

For more information, please contact Debbie Chapuis at Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments at 314.776.1300 ext.101 or by email at dchapuis@dgckids.org

Summer Jobs for Students

The Lighthouse for the Blind offers summer employment for legally blind young adults who are at least 16 years of age.

- Light Industrial Work (assembly, kiting, etc)
- Great work environment
- 4 continuous weeks (minimum) of employment (dependent on company workload)
- Minimum Wage
- Regular hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Metro Stops at both manufacturing plants (10440 Trenton in Overland and 8833 Fleischer in Berkeley)
- Positions are limited, so apply early

Space Camp

Each year, the Lighthouse provides blind and legally blind children ages 9 to 18 years, tuition scholarships to Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS). The scholarships granted cover the \$675-\$725 tuition for meals, lodging, programming and materials.

Scholarship recipients will be provided with round-trip transportation to and from St. Louis. Qualified will accompany the students. Recipients of a scholarship ARE responsible for only the \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

The SCIVIS program is typically in September and spans six days, two of which are for travel to and from camp. Program highlights will include presentations by NASA professionals on career choices and working in the space industry.

The SCIVIS program uses space to excite and educate students in the fields of math, science and technology. Among the many benefits associated with attending SCIVIS, teamwork, self-confidence and communication skills are taught through state-of-the-art simulations, missions, rocket building, robotics and conducting experiments on the International Space Station.

The SCIVIS week is coordinated by teachers of the visually impaired from all over the United States. Special considerations are extended during this week to put the students at ease including enlarged print and attention to mobility hazards.

The blind students will also benefit from the latest technology in the field, including tactile Braille displays, CCTV's, large print output, and synthetic speech for computers. Siblings or friends of the visually impaired students are also welcome to attend during the week.

The SCIVIS program includes:

Space Camp and Aviation Challenge Students

- Space Camp (grades 4-6)
- Academy (grades 7-12)
- Aviation Challenge MACH I - III (Grades 4-12)

Advanced Academy Students

- Advanced Academy (grades 10-12 ONLY)

Sports Camp

The Annual Missouri Chapter Sports Education Camp is Co-Sponsored by United States Association of Blind Athletes and the Lighthouse for the Blind. It is open to blind and visually impaired youth, ages 12 to 18 years.

Sports Camp is residential camp that takes place at Webster University. This free 2-day overnight program offers an introduction to sports in a non-competitive atmosphere. The goals are to empower children to be physically active, improve health and most importantly to have fun!

Campers will have the option of staying overnight (Friday and Saturday) for the length of the camp or being transported by their parents daily.

Fun activities that may be covered include bowling, beep baseball, goalball, judo, ice skating, powerlifting, rock climbing, swimming, tandem cycling, track and field, and wrestling.

- WHERE -

Webster University
470 East Lockwood Avenue
Saint Louis, MO 63119

- WHEN -

Each Summer in June
The last day to apply is MAY 1

- COST -

\$50 registration deposit that will be returned upon completion of camp

STARS

Special Technology and Adaptive Resources for Students (STARS) is a joint program between The Lighthouse for the Blind and St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired and is available at no cost to legally blind children and young adults ages 6 – 21 years.

Comprised of two programs STARS Technology and STARS ADL, the main goal of STARS is to demonstrate, evaluate and train in Adaptive Technology and Activities of Daily Living. STARS Technology is for students of all ages. STARS ADL Groups are for those students between the ages of 6 – 15 with in-home daily living skills instruction available for students ages 16 - 21.

STARS provides youth with the opportunity to explore and learn about adaptive technology, including assistance with purchasing hardware and software which may help in their school work and independence. In-depth evaluations and one-to-one training are also available at no cost.

Activities of Daily Living (ADL) are taught either in small group settings (ages 6 – 15) or one-on-one in the home (ages 16-21). Areas addressed include meal preparation and eating skills, clothes sorting and laundry, home/room organization and additional skills necessary for independence.

Group classes are held at St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 8770 Manchester Rd. Technology Training and individual daily living skills sessions available at the Society, in-home or other location as needed or requested.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Technology Demonstration and Training

- By Appointment 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, or after school in-home or at Society for the Blind offices.

Activities of Daily Living Groups (Ages 6 – 15)

- September thru May - Third Saturday of Each Month

- Ages 6-8 from 9-10:45
- Ages 9-11 from 11-12:45
- Ages 12-15 from 1-2:45

Activities of Daily Living, Ages 16- 21

- In-home services by appointment

STEP-St. Louis

The Summer Transition and Employment Program (STEP – St. Louis) is an intensive, structured THREE WEEK RESIDENTIAL training program that provides specialized instruction to youth ages 14-21 who are blind and legally blind.

STEP – St. Louis is specifically for students who intend to attend college, a vocational training program, or seek competitive employment upon graduation from secondary school. The program is designed to provide pre-vocational skills training by emphasizing independence, expectations related to transition, organizational skills and career exploration. The nine components of the Expanded Core Curriculum are promoted to a level of confident independence across the home, school work, and community.

Speakers, community activities and specialized instruction will provide experiential learning regarding adult life. Additionally, students will work on skills needed to function independently in a home or dorm or work setting by focusing on activities of daily living and orientation and mobility skills. The final component will address issues related to socialization and adjustment to blindness through social/recreational activities and mentoring sessions with people who are blind or visually impaired.

Instructors for STEP - St. Louis are professionals who work in the field of blindness and are experienced in teaching the Expanded Core Curriculum, activities of daily living, employment readiness, and orientation and mobility.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Between the ages of 14 and 21, legally blind and receiving or having received some form of special education services.

- Plan to be college or vocational training bound or to seek competitive employment.

- Participants will be required to participate in a three week, full residential component at Webster University.

- Dorm and/or Apartment Living
- Cafeteria Dining
- Campus Living and Navigation

Important Details

The "See the Future" programs are designed to enrich the lives of those who are blind/legally blind and visually impaired.

These programs are provided at little or no cost and are open to blind residents in Missouri, and the Illinois counties of Calhoun, St. Clair, Monroe, Madison and Jersey.

Some exceptions apply and are subject to change. Some of the programs are restricted to legally blind individuals only. Please see our website for further details.

For all program dates and more information, applications, and guidelines on how to apply for each program, please click on "Our Programs" tab of our website at www.lhbindustries.com.

Any inquiries or questions can be directed to 314.423.4333 ext 132.



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Children's Services

The Society offers programs serving children ages three to 21 and their families. Public school districts in Illinois and Missouri depend on these services for students who are blind or visually impaired. Society teachers drive over 60,000 miles annually to work with children in their own schools who would otherwise receive little or no individualized instruction.



Vision Education Services

Special Education Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) provide direct instructional services to students. TVIs consult with other teachers and therapists in the student's education program and provide evaluations for functional vision, daily living skills and learning media assessments. TVIs are a vital part of the child's education program throughout the year.

Functional Vision Evaluations

Children with some vision receive a functional vision assessment to help determine which materials, adaptations of learning aids and classroom modifications that best meets a child's needs.



Orientation & Mobility Services

O&M Specialists work with children ages 3 – 21 on becoming oriented to their immediate environment as well as teaching the skills necessary to travel independently in their school, home and community. This includes utilizing the white cane and training to best utilize other senses for safety and independence.



Adaptive Technology

Computers, electronic Braille Notetakers and other technology are taught on an individual basis using speech, screen magnification or other adaptive programs as needed.



Braille Instruction

Teachers work one-on-one with students to learn the complex Braille communication system for reading, writing, math and science. Beginning Braille readers use Braille to learn the alphabet and then increase to the more difficult contracted Braille.

