

# **WCBVI 2021 Virtual Pre-EmployAbility Skills Program**

**Programming will take place the weeks of July 6-16, 2021 with possible pre-program activities the week of June 29-July 2, 2021.**

The focus of the virtual pre-employability program will be on developing skills to enhance employment and life skills. There will also be minimal instruction in daily living skills and Orientation and Mobility.

A one-week online program focusing on pre-employment strategies relating to work. Students will gain ten hours of paid work performing work from their home. Work will be supported via online instructors. Jobs will be designated by program staff. The entire program will be online, via either recorded modules or virtual connections with no in person instruction.

## **Focus:**

The focus of this program will be on developing pre-employment skills that lead to employment in the community. Components of the program include researching jobs, creating a resume, learning about community safety, job interviewing and what type of qualities employers are seeking in a candidate.

## **Eligibility:**

Students who are 16-21 years of age, who are blind or visually impaired and have attended high school in Wisconsin for the 2020-2021 school year, are eligible to participate. All students who sign up for the program will receive a certificate upon successful completion. The program will accommodate up to ten students.

In order to participate in this program, students will need internet access, an email account, a computer or device that will allow them to access the online modules and virtual meetings and the ability to communicate online. Minimal parent support May be required for monitoring of certain tasks.

Students commit to the full length of the program (July 6-16) and be available for pre-assessment, interviewing with staff and testing of technology the week of June 29 through July 2. The program will involve participating in daily online meetings, completing assignments independently or with online support and the work activity the second week of the program.

## **Who will benefit?**

This program is designed to teach important skills that will lead to getting a job and living independently. The focus will be on job interviewing, writing a resume, completing job applications, communicating with employers and coworkers and learning about requirements of various jobs

**The due date to submit your interest form is Friday, May 14th.** Applicants who submit an interest form will be contacted the week of June 8 in order to discuss details for participation.

This program is not part of a student's IEP, nor any local district programming.

## **2021 Virtual Pre-EmployAbility Interest Form**