



Project B.E.L.I.E.V.E.

March 12- 17, 2023

Week-long **Overnight** Experience with Focus on Pre-Employment Transitioning

The Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth is hosting an overnight immersive, pre-employment experience for Texas students who are no or low vision in the cultural district of Fort Worth at the H2 Suites by Hilton with full suites. Students will experience career building training in the mornings and business exploration by afternoon, with nightly social activities. The week will emphasize on students gaining their independence and having the confidence to set and achieve their goals. Our program curriculum includes Discovering Interest and Talents, Workplace Readiness, Self-Advocacy, Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Assistive Technology and more geared toward high school Juniors and Seniors. Each student has an opportunity to earn specific items to accelerate their career path, compliments of the Lighthouse and our generous funders.

Project B.E.L.I.E.V.E. is a specific career exploration and job readiness program that helps students with visual disabilities prepare for future employment and success after high school. This program is an important part of the transition process from high school to post-secondary life.

Students nominated by TVIs, TWS, or parents will be selected for this program by the Lighthouse. **The Lighthouse can only host 16 students.** Criteria is based on the student's school performance, teacher's recommendation, and the commitment to attend and complete the program.

The deadline to submit nominations to the Lighthouse for the Blind is **Feb 6, 2023**. Selection will be determined the week of February 13th. Award notification letters and program information will be sent to parents the following week.

Thanks to the generous donations by local corporations and foundations, the Lighthouse will cover all program expenses. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up students at the H2 Suites by Hilton in Fort Worth. Parents will be required to complete appropriate releases prior to final acceptance.

When: Sunday, March 12-17, 2022.

Where: H2 Suites by Hilton, 1145 University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107



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Nomination Form

Student's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____ Student's Age: _____ Student's Gender: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

School: _____

Entering What Grade in Fall: _____ GPA: _____

Name of Teacher for the Visually Impaired making Nomination: _____

TVI Phone and Email: _____

Cause of Vision Loss: _____

Visual Acuities: _____

Secondary disability, learning or physical challenges:

School/Technology Section

1. The student uses the following technology: (check all that apply)

Video Magnifiers: ___ Desktop ___ handheld ___ portable ___ hand magnifier

a. Product name: _____

b. Product name: _____

Screen Magnifiers:

ZoomText _____ MAGic _____ Supernova _____ Other: ___ None: _____

Zoom level used: _____

Screen Reader:

JAWS ___ WindowEyes ___ NVDA _____ Other _____ None _____

Product name: _____

Optical Character Recognition: Kurzweil _____ Openbook ___ Other _____

Product name: _____

Notetaker: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, Braille _____ Qwerty _____ None _____

Qwerty or Braille Notetaker with Braille display: 32-cell ___ 18-cell _____

Product name: _____

2. The student uses the following digital book reader:

Victor Stream ___ BookSense ___ iPad ___ iPod Touch ___ Olympus digital recorder:

Other ___ None _____

3. Braille displays used:

Product name: _____

4. The student reads Braille ___ uncontracted (Grade 1) ___ contracted (Grade 2)

at _____ wpm.

5. Typing rate: _____ wpm

___ Typing class not taken _____

___ Is planning to take a typing class

___ Cannot participate in typing due to a physical limitation

___ Not interested

6. Operating system: Windows _____ MAC _____ None _____

