

March 25, 2013,

To Potential Participants of the OSSB/FTS Summer Work and Learn Program:

The Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) and Functional Training Services (FTS) have partnered to provide a summer residential and educational program for young adults, ages 18-24, who are blind or visually impaired. This six week program which combines independent living and work experience for young adults will operate from June 24, 2013, through August 2, 2013.

During the first week of the program, participants will be: assessed in orientation and mobility skills to and from the worksite and surrounding community; shopping for food; reviewing use of technology; beginning online career exploration; learning the campus; assessed in other activities related to independent living. This time will also provide OSSB and FTS staff the opportunity to evaluate each participant's ability to proceed to the second phase of the program which will require working in the community.

During the main five weeks of the program, participants will work in the community for approximately five hours a day, Monday through Thursday. In the evenings and Fridays, participants will continue technology exploration and training as well as career and social skills development. Participants will also be responsible for preparing meals and necessary items for the next work day, as well as learn and practice other activities of daily living. Weekends will include recreation and leisure activities. Participants are required to spend at least 3 of the 5 weekends at OSSB to fully participate in a wide variety of recreation skills and experiences/adventures.

Attached are two documents:

1. Summer 2013 Work and Learn Program Application Form
2. Summer 2013 Work and Learn Program Information Questionnaire

Please complete both documents and send them to your BSVI/VRP3 counselor, then to OSSB no later than April 30, 2013. If you do not currently have a BSVI or VRP3 counselor, please contact Ann Pilewskie at 614-728-1961 or apilewskie@ossb.oh.gov. Hope to see you this summer!

Sincerely,
Ann Pilewskie, Transition Coordinator
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