



Division of Services for the Blind
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This letter is to introduce you to our Jump Start program, which is sponsored for three weeks in the summer, and a collaborative effort between the Division of Services for the Blind, and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Little Rock.

Jump Start will be from June 2nd through June 21st. The program is designed for blind and low vision students at least 16 years of age. They are exposed to the world of work and thinking of the transition from high school to employment and adulthood.

While attending the program, they stay on campus at Arkansas School for the Blind, traveling home on weekends. We place the students in part-time jobs that are related to their specific career interests in the mornings, while providing fun and educational activities in the afternoons. These activities could range from fine dining at Sonny Williams Steakhouse, taking classes on resume building, post-secondary training site visits, skills building courses, and more. We provide transportation to and from worksites and all events. We even provide them with a salary for their jobs.

Included with this letter is the 2019 Jump Start paper application and flyer. You may copy either of them as much as necessary to provide to interested students/parents. All applications are due by April 2, 2019.

I am available to assist anyone in the application process or getting the necessary documentation. For further assistance or questions, please contact:

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JUMP START 2019

WHEN

June 2nd-21st

SPONSORS

Division of Services for the Blind

Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Purpose: Jump Start is a three week summer program that **Division of Services for the Blind and Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired** collaboratively sponsor to provide **paid work experience**, educational resources and independent living skills to students who are blind or visually impaired upon graduation from high school.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

APRIL 2, 2019

AGES 16-21

WORK EXPERIENCE

Students are placed in their field of interest and transported back and forth to work

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

- IL skills sessions
- Assistive Technology
- Cooking lessons
- Orientation and Mobility Training

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- College Tours
- Job Site Tours
- Workplace readiness
- College Prep

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