

BLIND INDUSTRIES & SERVICES OF MARYLAND

# INDEPENDENCE 2011



**June 19 – August 5**  
**For Blind and Low Vision High School Students**

## **What is Independence 2011?**

Independence 2011 is a seven-week residential training program that provides blind and low vision teens with the nonvisual skills and confidence to help transition from high school to college and/or employment.

- Learn to travel independently using a long white cane
- Experience real-world career opportunities
- Two-week paid work experience
- Learn to read and write using Braille
- Develop computer skills through assistive technology
- Reside in campus apartments with blind instructors/mentors
- Expand cooking, cleaning, and shopping skills
- Attend the NFB Youth Slam, a STEM Leadership Academy
- Develop a positive attitude about blindness
- Attend the 2011 NFB national convention in Orlando, FL
- Tour Baltimore, Washington D.C., and Disney World
- Participate in recreational and athletic activities

## **Who Can Apply?**

Legally blind high school students who are entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in the fall of 2011. Applicants should have an open case with their state's vocational rehabilitation agency or have an alternative funding source.

**For more information or to apply, please contact Amy Phelps at  
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