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| NFB Kenneth Jernigan Leadership in Service ProgramCalling Visionary Leaders: Join the National Federation of the Blind Leadership in Service Program. Empower the blind community. Make a difference. Lead with conviction. Deadline to apply is August 25, 2023. The National Federation of the Blind invites you to be part of our groundbreaking Kenneth Jernigan Leadership in Service Program. Prepare to embark on a transformative journey that will shape you into a powerful advocate for blind individuals, while fostering personal growth and building a stronger community. This program is a unique opportunity tailored specifically for blind individuals who aspire to become leaders within the organized blind movement. Program HighlightsOver the course of one year, you will experience a comprehensive training curriculum that blends in-person and virtual learning to provide a holistic leadership development experience.* **In-Person Training Intensives:** Engage in immersive in-person training sessions led by seasoned leaders in the blind community. These intensive workshops will equip you with practical skills, knowledge, and strategies to effectively advocate for the rights and needs of blind individuals.
* **Virtual Learning Modules:** Access a diverse range of virtual modules designed to enhance your leadership capabilities, with a particular focus on leveraging technology for advocacy, communication, and community building. Explore topics such as public speaking, strategic planning, coalition building, and more.
* **Mentorship and Networking:** Benefit from mentorship opportunities with experienced leaders from the National Federation of the Blind, who will provide guidance, support, and insights throughout your journey. Additionally, you will have the chance to connect with fellow program participants, building a network of like-minded individuals passionate about the blind community.
* **Real-World Projects:** Apply your newfound skills through hands-on leadership experiences within the National Federation of the Blind. Contribute to ongoing initiatives, collaborate with existing leaders, and make a tangible impact on the lives of blind individuals.
* **Personal Growth and Empowerment:** Our program places great emphasis on personal growth, fostering self-confidence, resilience, and effective communication skills. Develop a strong sense of empowerment and self-advocacy that will serve you in all aspects of your life.

Eligibility and Application ProcessThe Kenneth Jernigan Leadership in Service Program is open to individuals who are blind and demonstrate a passion for the organized blind movement. To apply, interested individuals should contact and [secure the support of two NFB affiliate presidents](https://u32452178.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=mTCu8dGvOkl-2BXqaCK8sZ2XZsIV-2FIHwCJ1wu82RzQMT8t64jmb9bmcUogA-2Bzxye9v7CJWb0HwahLM9Pmur9aiIvtuS-2FS6mMuDoQZNpIHcW-2FQ-3DoCzy_YHoeFa5KuxVLMreZe7v9Js34MShOO-2BmtM7-2F7P0uPqaqWmbalCSRjfl43A9qEQoh9tLgVfTbes2WKcAPnDchs5DUgEE-2BE16-2FjgbJINV037X4SqQhAe2nSRb5-2BKN-2Fzn-2FgLobvMI-2B93vtsOuxiTNY193s4ufxIDM3a3gEZxhZxZVD0x-2F24WZKN6-2FLnKhZ3VB-2FoOeIpkIj3D1qQvh1mYb4nSMgxbr5BRdDYJ-2FSn6j3ziVZg-3D) who agree to serve as sponsor/mentor for the program, providing them with a written essay or audio/video recording explaining the merits of your participation and your leadership goals. Affiliate presidents are only allowed to sponsor two candidates, and they must make their recommendations to the President of the National Federation of the Blind by August 25, 2023. |