

BLIND INDUSTRIES & SERVICES OF MARYLAND

INDEPENDENCE 2012



June 17 – August 10
For Blind and Low Vision High School Students

What is Independence 2012?

Independence 2012 is a 8-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 access technology
- Reside in campus apartments with blind instructors/mentors
- Expand cooking, cleaning, and shopping skills
- Develop a positive attitude about blindness
- Attend the 2012 NFB national convention in Dallas, Texas
- Tour Baltimore, Washington D.C., and New York, NY
- Participate in recreational and athletic activities
- *New this year - Sailing!*

Who Can Apply?

Legally blind high school students who are entering or are in high school in the fall of 2012. 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:

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