

## **Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance Nominee Information Form**

Anyone requiring Braille or large print copies of the following should contact the Office of Special Education at (573) 751-0187. This document may also be emailed or faxed upon request.

Missouri statutes provide for formation of a Task Force on Blind Student Academic and Vocational Performance. According to the statute, "this task force shall develop goals and objectives to guide the improvement of special education, related services, vocational training, transition from school to work, rehabilitation services, independent living and employment outcomes for eligible students" (§162.1130.3).

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking nominations of persons to this task force.

Appointment of members will ensure that the following categories and the designated number of each are represented on the Blind Task Force:

- Missouri School for the Blind (1)
- Department of Social Services (DSS) (1)
- Consumer organizations (NFB/MCB) (1 from each)
- Teachers of the visually impaired (2)
- Special Education administrators (2)
- School building principals (2)
- Current students (2) (a student who is currently enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary school)
- Parents of students who are blind or visually impaired (2)
- Employers (2)
- Institutions of Higher Education (1)
- Rehabilitation Council for the Blind (FSD) (1)
- Orientation and mobility specialists (1)
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (1)

This membership may be modified by the Commissioner of Education, in cooperation with the Director of the Department of Social Services. Appointments to the Task Force will be made by the Commissioner of Education, in cooperation with the Director of the Missouri Department of Social Services. Individuals appointed to the Task Force must be in compliance with House Bill 600 (their state taxes must be current). A background check will be done by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Task Force will meet at least quarterly in the mid-Missouri area. All reasonable and necessary expenses will be paid by the state agency. Appointees will be expected to attend all meetings and actively participate in all Task Force activities. The state agency will reimburse expenses for all reasonable accommodations that may be needed by task force members.

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Nominees are asked to complete the following form and attach a current résumé.

First and Last Name:			
Social Security Number:			
Date of Birth:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:			
Please identify two people who can serve as professional work references:			
1. Name:		2. Name:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Which Task Force membership categories (listed on page one) are you applying for?			
What other statewide or regional task forces, advisory panels or other such organizations are you or have you previously been a member of?			
What accommodations, if any, do you require?			

**Please return the completed application form to:**

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