**C A L I F O R N I A**

**Orientation Center for the Blind Trust Fund Committee**

Department of Rehabilitation

**The Department of Rehabilitation is seeking nominations to serve on the**

**Orientation Center for the Blind Trust Fund Committee.**

The Orientation Center for the Blind (OCB) Trust Fund Committee is established pursuant to Section19507 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) consults with the OCB Trust Fund Committee concerning the use of moneys in the OCB Trust Fund, which is funded solely for the purpose of the betterment of the students of the program at the OCB.

**OCB Program Overview**

The OCB is a DOR owned and operated residential blindness rehabilitation center, where blind and visually impaired adults learn the skills necessary for success in their homes, in the workforce, and in the community. Credentialed teachers and qualified rehabilitation professionals provide a full curriculum of classes and experiences individually tailored to assist each student in reaching their full potential for self-sufficiency and contribution to society. Length of training is individualized to meet students’ needs, and averages six to nine months. Training services include orientation and mobility, daily living skills, home management, computers, adaptive technology, Braille instruction, pre-vocational preparation, and personal adjustment counseling. The OCB is available to support up to 36 students at any given time, and there is no cost for tuition, lodging, and meals. Individuals interested in attending the OCB may apply by contacting their local DOR office. More information on the OCB may be found at the following website: http://www.dor.ca.gov/OCB/index.html

**Committee Composition**

The OCB Trust Fund Committee shall be composed of three members, all of whom shall be graduates of the OCB.  The DOR Director shall consider for appointment to the OCB Trust Fund Committee individuals who are members of groups of advocates for the blind and visually impaired. No more than one member of any group shall be appointed, and appointment shall be from a list of at least two nominees submitted by the group. The DOR Director shall appoint one member to be an at-large representative.

**Committee Member Commitment**

The OCB Trust Fund Committee will meet at least annually. The meeting location will primarily be held at the DOR Central Office in Sacramento or at the OCB in Albany. Travel, lodging, and per diem will be reimbursed per state guidelines and rates for state employees (<http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx>).

**How to apply for appointment by the DOR Director to serve on the OCB Trust Fund Committee:**

1. Complete the attached application, which can also be downloaded at <https://www.dor.ca.gov/boards-and-committees/OCB%20Trust%20Fund%20Committee>

2. E-mail the application and your resume to Stacy Cervenka at [stacy.cervenka@dor.ca.gov](mailto:stacy.cervenka@dor.ca.gov).

3. Send your signed application and resume to:

Department of Rehabilitation

Attn: Stacy Cervenka

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**All applications must be received no later than December 31, 2015.**

Any questions regarding this announcement may be directed to Stacy Cervenka at [stacy.cervenka@dor.ca.gov](mailto:stacy.cervenka@dor.ca.gov).

Attachment: OCB Trust Fund Committee Application