

State Services for the Blind (SSB)

WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS SSB?

We provide tools and training for succeeding in school, life, and work. Our state-wide student services team works with high school students who are blind, low vision, or DeafBlind. We are also a resource for families and schools. We help students gain skills and experiences to set a course for a bright future.



● HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our BRIDGE program offers learning Basic Skills, meeting Role Models, strengthening Initiative, engaging through Discovery, setting Goals, and gaining Experiences. Specifically, we connect students with internships, job shadowing, and career planning. Programs are available to learn the everyday skills needed to live independently, such as cooking, cleaning, getting around, using assistive technology and managing a life.



● HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is no charge for most services. For certain things such as college tuition or other specialized programs, costs may be shared with the family using a sliding scale

● WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

Students and their families will meet with one of our counselors to talk about goals and plans for the future. Together we'll map out what's needed to get there.

How Do I Find Out More? Call Shane Desantis, our Transition Coordinator at 651-539-2354 or email Shane.Desantis@state.mn.us