

Employers are essential to a successful work experience program. They provide on the job training and supervision and are closely involved in the evaluation process. In cooperation with the work study program, employers take an active role in the educational and vocational development of the community's youth.

Importance of employer role and benefits:

- Enthusiastic students who work a part-time job.
- Assistance from school staff who are there to provide support
- An investment in employees of the future.
- Working with students who will become productive employees
- Providing part-time training/work opportunities for students.
- Providing meaningful feedback to the employee through evaluations



The Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI), established in 1849, is a residential/day school for students who are blind or visually impaired. Located in Jacksonville, ISVI provides accredited educational and related services for children from birth to twenty-two years of age through preschool, elementary, and high school. All education and social programs are designed to prepare students for success living as independent, self-supporting citizens.

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Illinois School for the Visually Impaired Student Work Program



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Who is Eligible

ISVI students enrolled in the work study program.

The work experience program is a training placement program that prepare students with disabilities for transition to employment and community participation during and after high school.

Program Goals are to provide experiences that will most effectively prepare student life after high school by:

- Assisting them in developing desirable work habits and realistic career goals.
- Provide opportunities for them to explore careers and gain meaningful work experiences through on-the-job-training.
- Helping them develop the social and personal skills to maintain successful employment.

The work experience program offers the following:

- Career exploration opportunities
- Job training and placement
- Community based training and work experience
- Supported employment services
- Independent living skills training

