

Catalogs

<p>American Foundation for the Blind 11 Penn Plaza, Ste 300 New York, NY 10001 800-232-5463 212-502-7600 www.afb.org</p>	<p>Books in the following subjects: access and advocacy, aging, braille literacy, early intervention/childhood, education, employment, general reference, Helen Keller, independent living, low vision, multiple disabilities, and orientation & mobility.</p>
<p>APH: American Printing House for the Blind 1839 Frankfort Ave. P.O. Box 6085 Louisville, KY 40206-0085 800-223-1839 502-895-2405 www.aph.org</p>	<p>Provides specialized materials, products, and services needed for education and life. Most items can be paid for with federal quota funds.</p>
<p>Exceptional Teaching Aids 20102 Woodbine Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546 800-549-6999 510-582-4859 www.exceptionalteaching.com</p>	<p>Educational products for teachers of students with visual impairments or other special needs, rehabilitation specialists, transitioning students, parents, occupational therapists, orientation and mobility instructors, and classroom teachers.</p>
<p>Horizons for the Blind Two North Williams Street Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-444-8800 800-318-2000 www.horizons-blind.org</p>	<p>Recipes, crafts, plants and gardening, keeping healthy, extra good reading, poems, baking pans.</p>
<p>Independent Living Aids, Inc. 200 Robbins Lane Jericho, NY 11753-2341 800-537-2118 www.independentliving.com</p>	<p>Watches, clocks, timers, magnifiers, lighting, calculators, braille & blindness aids, organizers, recorders, telephones, money management, games & hobbies, sewing aids, books, canes & walkers, healthcare, grooming/dressing/personal care, cooking & kitchen, household, software/hardware.</p>

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LS&S P.O. Box 673 Northbrook, IL 800-468-4789 www.LSSproducts.com	Watches, clocks, tape players, electronic organizers, tv accessories, calculators, CCTVs, magnification, lighting & lamps, kitchen products, crafts, games, telephones, personal care, braille, mobility, assistive technology.
MaxiAIDS 42 Executive Blvd. Farmingdale, NY 11735 800-5226294 www.maxiaids.com	Assistive/Aiding products, blind products, computer products, everyday products, low vision products, medical products, recorders & radios, talking products, telephones & accessories, watches & clocks.
Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired 1100 W. 45th St Austin, TX 78756 www.tsbi.edu	More than 20 instructional publications in various areas including braille, O&M, independent living, low vision, multiple impairments, paraprofessionals, communication, career education, etc.

Recreation

<p>American Blind Skiing Foundation 416 East Thornhill Lane Palatine, IL 60074 www.absf.org</p>	<p>Provides an educational Skiing program that is open to any blind or visually impaired person in the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.</p>
<p>Blind Golf www.blindgolf.com</p>	<p>"You don't have to see it ... to tee it!" United States Blind Golf Association is partnered with Lions Clubs International Foundation.</p>
<p>Easter Seals 230 West Monroe Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60606-4802 312-221-6200 800-221-6827 www.easterseals.com</p>	<p>Camp is about all the things children and adults can do — play basketball, canoe, sing, eat s'mores and more. Easter Seals camping programs provide a safe, barrier-free environment for children and adults to experience all aspects of camp without usual limitations.</p>
<p>Horizons for the Blind Two North Williams Street Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-444-8800 800-318-2000 www.horizons-blind.org</p>	<p>Provides braille, large print, and audio cassette instruction in crafts, gardening, food preparation, and the operation of household appliances; provides indirect services through public/private facilities and cultural organizations, by making accessible their programs and physical plants. Provide a complete access package for people with visual impairments (braille and large print menus, braille and large print statements, braille and raised letter signs, play notes, etc.) in accessible formats.</p>
<p>Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service 401 E. Washington Springfield, IL 62701-1207 www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are_talking_book_and_braille_service/html</p>	<p>Provides braille and audio books.</p>
<p>Ski for Light, Inc 1455 West Lake Street Minneapolis, MN 55408 612-827-3232 www.sfl.org</p>	<p>A program of cross-country skiing benefiting blind, visually-impaired, and mobility-impaired individuals and their guides.</p>
<p>Tandem Biking</p>	<p>Many communities have biking clubs. Check with local bike shops.</p>

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<p>Tandem Kayaking</p>	<p>Many communities have places offering kayaking lessons and group excursions. Some kayaks are made for 2 people.</p>
<p>United States Association of Blind Athletes 33 N. Institute St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 719-630-0422 www.usaba.org</p>	<p>Provide athlete an coach identification and support, program and event management, and national and international representation</p>
<p>Your Local Park District The following information is from the Rockford Park District; check with your local park district to see if they offer similar programs.</p>	<p>People with disabilities may participate in any activity; contact the park district to request accommodations. Park district can also provide individual assistance outside programmed activities.</p> <p>Offer: Playing Around for adults with disabilities (ages 18+); Play is Good for Life, Therapeutic Recreation for children with disabilities; Therapeutic Recreation Services Guide for youth, teens, and adults with disabilities or special needs; RPD Annual Guide, a reference guide to the services and facilities offered by the park district.</p>

Services and Organizations

<p>American Foundation for the Blind 11 Penn Plaza, Ste 300 New York, NY 10001 800-232-5463 212-502-7600 www.afb.org</p>	<p>Promotes wide-ranging, systemic change by addressing the most critical issues facing the growing blind and visually impaired population—employment, independent living, literacy, and technology.</p>
<p>Center for Sight & Hearing 8038 MacIntosh Lane Rockford, IL 61107 815-332-6800 www.rockfordcenter.org</p>	<p>Professional services: daily living skills, functional academics, assistive technology training, keyboard and typing skills, recreation activities, personal management, vocational placement, low vision clinic, braille literacy, sign language classes, speech reading classes.</p> <p>Community services: presentations, technical assistance, information & referral, assistive technology demonstrations, sales & service, evening sign language classes.</p>
<p>Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired 1850 West Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL 60608 312-666-1331 www.thechicagolighthouse.org</p>	<p>Programs for children and youth, clinical services, employment, independent living, vocational training, educational services.</p>
<p>Easter Seals 230 West Monroe Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60606-4802 312-221-6200 800-221-6827 www.easterseals.com</p>	<p>Medical rehabilitation, job training and employment, child care, adult day programs, camping and recreation.</p>
<p>Guild for the Blind 180 North Michigan Avenue Suite 1700 Chicago, IL 60601-7463 312-236-8569 www.guildfortheblind.org</p>	<p>Programs and services, products, and advocacy. "The Guild strives to promote positive attitudes about visual impairment and to assist its members in achieving dignity and independence at home, in the workplace and in the community."</p>
<p>Hadley School for the Blind 700 Elm Street Winnetka, IL 60093-2554 800-323-4238 847-446-8111 www.hadley.edu</p>	<p>Four educational programs: adult continuing education, high school program, family education program, professional education</p>

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<p>ICRE-Wood Rehab Facility 1151 South Wood Street Chicago, IL 60612 312-633-3532 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors/bbs</p>	<p>Residential center in Chicago which offers a 12-week vocational and independent skills training program. Other individuals who can commute to ICRE-W can also attend independent living classes at the center.</p>
<p>Illinois Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation Services 100 Grand Ave. E Springfield, IL 62762 800-843-6154 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors/</p>	<p>Programs for adults to enable them to work and participate fully in family and community life. Vocational rehabilitation, community-based instructional program, ICRE-W (Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Wood; residential center for 12-week vocational and independent skills training program), business enterprise program.</p>
<p>Illinois Instructional Materials Center (IIMC) 1850 West Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60608 312-997-3699 www.thechicagolighthouse.org/pro-imec.htm</p>	<p>Statewide, state funded resource center for students with visual disabilities enrolled in a formal educational program in Illinois' public and private schools. Procures and produces alternative format educational materials such as braille and large print textbooks and materials and equipment from APH.</p>
<p>Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service 401 E. Washington Springfield, IL 62701-1207 www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are_talking_book_and_braille_service/html</p>	<p>Provides braille and audio books.</p>
<p>Lions Club International 300 W 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 www.lionsclubs.org</p>	<p>Provide community parks, playgrounds, senior citizen programs and medical care for those in need; provide eyeglasses and other equipment visually impaired people may need.</p>

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<p>National Federation of the Blind 1800 Johnson Street Baltimore, MD 21230 410-659-9314 www.nfb.org</p>	<p>Provide public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families.</p>
<p>RFB&D: Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic 20 Roszel Road Princeton, NJ 08540 800-221-4792 www.rfb.org</p>	<p>Provides textbooks in an audio format. There is an annual membership fee.</p>
<p>Social Security Administration PO Box 8280 Chicago, IL 60680-8280 800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov/chicago/</p>	<p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes): It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.</p>

Transition

<p>Illinois Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation Services 100 Grand Ave. E Springfield, IL 62762 800-843-6154 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors/</p>	<p>Programs for adults to enable them to work and participate fully in family and community life. Vocational rehabilitation, community-based instructional program, ICRE-W (Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Wood; residential center for 12-week vocational and independent skills training program), business enterprise program.</p>
<p>STEP: Secondary Transitional Experience Program Illinois Dept. of Human Serv. 100 South Grand Ave, East Springfield, IL 62762 312-814-3067 STEP 800-252-8635 Dpt.Hmn.Srv. www.state.il.us/agency/dhs</p>	<p>A training/placement program that prepares students with disabilities for transition to employment and community participation during and after high school.</p>
<p>Transvision Program 19323 E. Grant Hwy. Marengo, IL 60153 815-923-7545</p>	<p>A program initiated by the State of Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS), Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS), Bureau of Blind Services (BBS). Its function is to assist students, 13 years and older with significant visual impairments, to have a smooth transition from high school into the world of work, college, trade school, or other specialized training in preparation for employment.</p>

Colleges and Universities

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION	SPECIAL SERVICES INFORMATION
<p>Beloit College Admissions Office 700 College St. Beloit, WI 53511-5595 800-923-5648 www.beloit.edu</p>	<p>Beloit College DSS 700 College St. Beloit, WI 53511-5595 608-363-2572 www.beloit.edu/~dss/</p>
<p>Black Hawk College 6600 34th Ave. Moline, IL 61265-5899 309-796-5000 www.bhc.edu</p>	<p>Black Hawk College Accommodations Services 6600 34th Ave. Moline, IL 61265-5899 309-796-5949 www.bhc.edu/accommodation/index.htm</p>
<p>Blackhawk Technical College 6004 Prairie Rd. PO Box 5009 Janesville, WI 53547 608-758-6900 www.blackhawk.edu</p>	<p>Blackhawk Technical College Services for Students with Disabilities 6004 Prairie Rd. PO Box 5009 Janesville, WI 53547 608-757-7796 www.blackhawk.edu/gi/gendisabil.htm</p>
<p>College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 630-942-2800 www.cod.edu</p>	<p>College of DuPage Office of Special Student Services Berg Instructional Center Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 630-942-2306 www.cod.edu/service1/health/special_student_services.htm</p>
<p>DePaul University 1 E. Jackson Chicago, IL 60604 312-362-8000 www.depaul.edu</p>	<p>DePaul University Office of Students With Disabilities 2250 N. Sheffield Ave. Chicago, IL 60614 773-325-7290 www.studentaffairs.depaul.edu/studentswithdisabilities.html</p>
<p>Elgin Community College 1700 Spartan Dr. Elgin, IL 60123 847-697-1000 www.elgin.edu</p>	<p>Elgin Community College Disability Support Services 1700 Spartan Dr. Elgin, IL 60123 847-214-7220 www.elgin.edu/ada</p>

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<p>Harper College 1200 W. Algonquin Rd Palatine, IL 847-925-6000 www.harpercollege.edu</p>	<p>Harper College Access and Disability Services 1200 W. Algonquin Rd Palatine, IL 847-925-6266 www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/index.shtml</p>
<p>Highland Community College 2998 West Pearl City Rd. Freeport, IL 61032 815-235-6121 www.highland.cc.il.us</p>	<p>Highland Community College Services for Students with Disabilities 2998 West Pearl City Rd. Freeport, IL 61032 815-599-3437 www.highland.cc.il.us</p>
<p>Illinois State University Admissions Office Campus Box 2200 Normal, IL 61790-1290 800-366-2478 www.ilstu.edu</p>	<p>Illinois State University Disability Concerns 350 Fell Hall Campus Box 1290 Normal, IL 61790-1290 309-438-5853 www.disabilityconcerns.ilstu.edu</p>
<p>Kishwaukee College 21193 Malta Rd. Malta, IL 60150 815-825-2086 http://kish.cc.il.us</p>	<p>Kishwaukee College Support Services 21193 Malta Rd. Malta, IL 60150 815-825-2086 ext. 507 http://kish.cc.il.us/supportservices/specialneeds.shtml</p>
<p>Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL 60115 815-753-1000 www.niu.edu</p>	<p>Northern Illinois University Center for Access-Ability Resources (CAAR) University Health Service - Fourth Floor DeKalb, IL 60115 815-753-1303 www.niu.edu/uhs/caar/index.asp</p>
<p>Northwestern University 633 Clark St. Evanston, IL 60208 847-491-3741 www.northwestern.edu</p>	<p>Northwestern University Services for Students with Disabilities Scott Hall 601 University Pl. Evanston, IL 60208 847-467-5530 www.northwestern.edu/disability</p>

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<p>Rock Valley College 3301 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61114 815-921-7821 800-973-7821 www.rockvalleycollege.edu</p>	<p>Rock Valley College 3301 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61114 815-921-7821 800-973-7821 www.rockvalleycollege.edu</p>
<p>Rockford College 5050 E. State St. Rockford, IL 611 815-226-4000 www.rockford.edu</p>	<p>Rockford College Disability Support Services (DSS) 5050 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108 815-921-2356 www.rockford.edu/css/disability_services/</p>
<p>Sauk-Valley Community College 173 IL Rt. 2 Dixon, IL 61021 815-288-5511 www.svcc.edu</p>	<p>Sauk-Valley Community College Student Support Services 173 IL Rt. 2 Dixon, IL 61021 815-288-5511 ext. 268 www.svcc.edu/studentservices/sss.html</p>
<p>Southern Illinois University Admissions Office Carbondale, IL 62901 618-453-4405 www.siu.edu</p>	<p>Southern Illinois University Disability Support Services (DSS) Woody Hall B-150 Carbondale, IL 62901 Mailcode 4705 618-453-5738 www.siu.edu/~dss/</p>
<p>University of Dubuque 2000 University Ave. Dubuque, IA 52001 563-589-3000 www.dbq.edu</p>	<p>University of Dubuque Disabilities Services Committee Academic Support Center 2000 University Ave. Dubuque, IA 52001 563-589-3218 www.dbq.edu/asc/disabilities.cfm</p>
<p>University of Illinois Campus Information Desk 1401 West Green Street Urbana, IL 61801 217-333-1000 (directory assistance) 217-333-4666 (information desk) www.uiuc.edu</p>	<p>University of Illinois Disability Services (DRES) 1207 Oak Street Champaign, IL 61820 217-333-1970 www.disability.uiuc.edu</p>

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<p>Waubonsee Community College Rt. 47 at Waubonsee Dr. Sugar Grove, IL 60554 630-466-7900 http://waubonsee.edu</p>	<p>Waubonsee Community College Access Center for Students with Disabilities Collins Hall Rm. 118 Sugar Grove, IL 60554 630-466-7900 ext. 2964 http://waubonsee.edu/prostudents/access_center/</p>
<p>Western Illinois University 1 University Circle Macomb, IL 61455 309-298-1414 www.wiu.edu</p>	<p>Western Illinois University Disability Support Services 200 Memorial Hall Macomb, IL 61455 309-298-2512 www.student.services.wiu.edu/dss/</p>

Scholarships

<p>American Council of the Blind 1155 15th Street NW Ste 720 Washington, DC 20005 800-424-8666 202-467-5081 www.acb.org/scholarship-info/2005.html</p>	<p>More than 24 scholarships and awards to outstanding, legally blind students.</p>
<p>American Foundation for the Blind 11 Penn Plaza, Ste 300 New York, NY 10001 800-232-5463 212-502-7600 www.afb.org</p>	<p>Offers 7 scholarships in a variety of categories.</p>
<p>Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired 4600 Duke Street #430 P.O. Box 22397 Alexandria, VA 22304 703-832-9690 www.aerbvi.org</p>	<p>The Ferrell scholarship is awarded to two selected applicants who are legally blind and are studying for a career in the field of services to persons who are blind or visually impaired.</p>
<p>Chicago Lighthouse 1850 West Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60608-1298 312-666-1331 www.thechicagolighthouse.org</p>	<p>Approximately 15 people receive scholarships of up to \$5,000. The scholarships are awarded in six categories: students entering their first semester of college, students already attending an undergraduate program, students pursuing a graduate or advanced degree (special consideration for law degrees), students pursuing vocational training, students pursuing a degree in medicine, and students seeking continuing education.</p>
<p>Christian Record Services P.O. Box 22397 Lincoln, NE 68506-0097 402-488-0981 www.christianrecord.org/site/services/scholarships.php</p>	<p>Partial scholarships are offered to legally blind young people striving to obtain a college education. The amount varies from year to year.</p>

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<p>Council of Citizens with Low Vision (CCLV) 6511 26th Street West Bradenton, FL 34207 800-733-2258 www.cclvi.org/scholarship.html</p>	<p>Offers 2 scholarships. The first is for full-time students who are print readers with low vision (minimum requirement of 20/70 acuity). The second is for any graduate student attending one of several colleges and universities which offer a degree in the field of low vision. The scholarships are usually \$1500 each</p>
<p>Lighthouse International 111 E. 59 Street New York, NY 10022-1202 800-829-0500 www.lighthouse.org/eide_scholarship.htm</p>	<p>Available to full-time students, who are legally blind, entering or attending an accredited college or university. Applications are accepted per semester, but not more than \$1000 per 12-month period. This limits the grant to two \$500 scholarships per three-semester year (fall, spring, and summer sessions).</p>
<p>National Federation o/t Blind Ezra Davis Memorial Scholarship 814 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200 Grinnell, IA 50112 515-236-3366 www.nfb.org/sch_intro.htm</p>	<p>Grants 30 scholarships annually to students who are legally blind. Scholarships range in value from \$3,000 to \$12,000 and are often enhanced with additional gifts.</p>