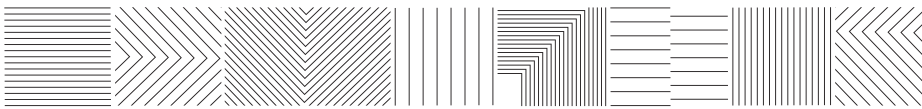


PROJECT

MAPVI



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Project MAPVI grant was created to recruit and train diverse scholars from Mississippi and Texas to become teachers of students with visual impairments (TSVIs) or orientation and mobility (O&M) specialists with specialized expertise in working with children and families from different cultures. The two sensory impairment programs that a student can choose from to pursue in Project MAPVI are:

- Certification in Orientation and Mobility (2.5-year program)
- Certification in Teachers of Students with Visual Impairment (2-Year program).

BENEFITS

(GRANT FUNDS WILL COVER):

- all tuition and fees each semester,
- required textbooks and course materials,
- all travel expenses required for on-campus 5-week O&M course in Lubbock, and other course-related weekends at TTU in Lubbock or TSBVI in Austin,
- enrichment experiences such as conference expenses and specialized courses,
- 2-year supplemental living stipend for misc. expenses such as health insurance, childcare, supplies, counseling, etc.



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Recruiting 16 scholars to begin coursework in June 2027. Applications due by January 11th, 2027. Applicants will be selected and notified in spring 2027 and attend a virtual orientation in late spring.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Must hold at least a bachelor's degree.
3. Must be new to field of VI and/or O&M
4. For TSVI program, must have an initial teaching certification in general or special education from Texas or Mississippi. (Not required for O&M)
4. Access to a working computer and high speed internet for online courses.
5. Enter with a minimum 2.75 GPA for TSVI, or 2.5 for O&M, and maintain a 3.0 GPA during program.
6. Commit to working with children with visual impairments for at least two years for each year of scholarship funding received.

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