



## SWEP Summer Work Experience

### Remember your first summer job?

It gave you confidence, experience and new friends, not to mention extra cash. If you would like to give someone else this opportunity, the Oregon Commission for the Blind can help.

For over 25 years we have operated a summer work program in which visually impaired students, ages 16 to 21, participate. SWEP operates in Portland, Salem and rural communities across the state of Oregon. In addition, Salem has a four-week program for students with multiple disabilities who require some support on their jobs.

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## SWEP The process is simple:

You contact us at 1-888-202-5463.  
Ask for someone with SWEP.



### We'll do most of the work from there:

We match you with a student who fits the skills you need, and then we provide training and support. If needed, we take care of the payroll, time sheets,

insurance and worker's compensation for the employee.

### What you get out of the deal:

When you hire a SWEP student you get a dedicated, enthusiastic employee, improved public relations, a diversified workplace, and an opportunity for mentoring and role models.

### What they get out of the deal:

SWEP has been highly successful in increasing participants' work readiness, as well as their ability to find and keep employment. Follow-up studies show that 75% of former SWEP students are gainfully employed and very few required additional services from the agency after graduating from the SWEP program.



## SWEP SWEP spells success

By participating in SWEP, visually impaired students can gain the same basic skills that typical teenagers acquire at summer jobs, such as learning to follow directions, interacting with co-workers, and demonstrating responsible behavior.

### Student qualifications:

In order to be eligible for SWEP a student must demonstrate the ability to benefit from a work experience program, the motivation to complete the program, and the ability to travel independently to and from the worksite. Most work weeks will consist of 30 hours on the job site, and the rest of their time will be spent learning independent living skills or participating in recreational activities.



Jobs previously held by SWEP students

Animal Caretaker  
Cabinet Maker  
Community Policing  
Computer Operator  
Ground Maintenance  
Data Entry  
Day Care  
Flower Shop Employee  
Food Prep  
Judicial Research  
Library Assistant  
Museum Exhibitor  
Parks & Recreation Aid  
Radio Station Intern  
Receptionist  
Tour Guide