

**The Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired
is seeking nominations for two positions.**

- o Nominations for an individual who is blind or visually impaired and representative of business and industry is needed.
- o Nominations for a representative of an individual who is blind and has multiple disabilities and has difficulty representing himself or herself due to disabilities.
- o A priority will be put on nominations that include representation from current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services and/or representatives of disability advocacy groups.

***Prior to submitting any nomination(s),
Please ask the potential nominee
if they are willing and able to serve.***

Feel free to duplicate the Nomination form
Please Return by Friday, April 13th
Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired
Hillsview Plaza 3800 East Hwy 34
C/O 500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-4644 or 1-800-265-9684

**Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired
Member Position Description**

Essential Duties:

1. Attend and actively participate in quarterly BSBVI meetings and activities.
2. Actively work on at least one BSBVI committee.
3. Serve as an advocate for all individuals who are blind or visually impaired needing vocational rehabilitation services.
4. Advise the Department of Human Services on the employment needs of persons with disabilities.
5. Provide public comment on the Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment.
6. Provide comment and input on the services, rules or policies concerning the vocational rehabilitation program for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
7. Advise the Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired on program policy and procedures for the distribution of funds for vocational rehabilitation.
8. Assist the Department of Human Services in evaluating program effectiveness.

Authority:

An SBVI Board Member has the authority granted him or her by federal or state statute.

Values Desired:

1. Commitment to consumer control, self-advocacy and choice.
2. Commitment to the full inclusion of individuals who are blind or visually impaired in all aspects of society, including employment.
3. A strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflict of interest.

Qualifications:

1. Knowledge of teamwork.
2. Experience with vocational rehabilitation, business or disability advocacy groups linked with vocational rehabilitation services.

Time Commitment (excluding travel time):

32 hours - Board Meetings (8 hours a day, 4 times a year)

20 hours - Board committee meetings, conference calls, town meeting participation

16 hours - Preparation for Board meetings

68 hours annually (estimated)

**BOARD OF
SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (SBVI)
NOMINATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Disability (Blind or Visually Impaired): _____ Yes _____ No

Current/Former Consumer of SBVI Services: _____ Yes _____ No

Is the nominee aware their name is being submitted? _____ Yes _____ No

Biographical Sketch: _____

Board, Council or Advocacy Experience: _____

Nominated By: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please attach nominee's resume' if available.