



Summer Opportunity: Job Readiness Training Keeping the door open for students with disabilities

Goodwill Omaha's Summer Work Experience Program is a program funded by Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Services that gives students with disabilities an opportunity to gain exposure to work situations in a supportive environment. The program allows participants to expand their job readiness skills, lays the path for a more successful future, and enables students to take the next step in making the transition from an educational setting to the professional working world. Students earn \$12.00 an hour while working at a Goodwill Omaha location.

Program Details

Students are assigned to perform various jobs within Goodwill. Work areas may include clerical, custodial, production, and retail. In these job assignments, students perform the duties that would be expected of permanent employees under the guidance of on-site trainers. Our trainers adjust jobs to the specific needs of each individual student and make accommodations for any special needs. Summer Work Experience trainers also help students learn workplace soft skills as instructed by their trainers. Other components of this program include enhancing job readiness skills, creating a resume, and developing interview skills. Goodwill's Work Experience trainers provide instruction and monitor students while they're working.

This program is designed for students 16 and 21. You may apply directly (scan QR code below), or have the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services enroll you. The student, parent or guardian, school IEP representative, and VR specialist will then determine the student's interest in participating in the Summer Work Experience program. Students leave our Summer Work Experience program with a work history, a résumé, interview practice, and the ability to identify businesses with employment opportunities.

To qualify, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have identifiable and documented vocational disadvantaging conditions
- Have a valid photo ID, Social Security number and card
- Must be able to independently care for their personal needs (with or without the support of a physical care attendant)
- Must be motivated to comply with the program
- Demonstrate that any maladaptive social behavior is under reasonable control to prevent interference with our program and agency operations
- Must not have any violent activities within the last 90 days
- Have living and transportation accommodations established prior to enrollment

Benson Park Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center	West Center Retail Store & Donation Center	Bellevue Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center	Blair Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center
4805 N. 72nd Street Omaha, NE 68134	8457 W Center Rd Omaha, NE 68124	2303 Towne Centre Dr. Bellevue, NE 68123	1364 Washington Street Blair, NE 68008
June 3 – July 11 Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.			

Help Goodwill make a difference in a student's future by referring them to Goodwill's Summer Work Experience program. For more information, contact Denicia Welch, Goodwill Work Experience Manager, at **402-522-7225**.

