

Highbrook Lodge seeks to serve all qualified individuals with vision loss who meet the essential eligibility requirements listed below. These criteria are necessary to ensure the safety of all and also to allow campers to receive maximum benefits from camp.

All acceptances of applications are conditional. Specifically, Highbrook Lodge reserves the right to accept or deny applications or defer admission on-site or prior to attendance - should it later become aware that the camper no longer meets applicable eligibility criteria. While at camp, for the safety of all campers and staff, Individuals whose needs and/or behavioral challenges are beyond the scope of the camp to safely accommodate will be sent home as soon as practicable.

ADULT AND YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

An eligible applicant must meet the following essential eligibility criteria:

1. Have vision loss as diagnosed by a medical professional.
 - i. Individuals without vision loss, ages 7-14, may be appropriate to attend camp.
 - ii. Youth without vision loss attending camp are ineligible for financial assistance from CSC.
 - iii. Priority for camper spots are given to individuals with vision loss.
2. Be of appropriate age for session requested.
3. Be able to benefit physically, psychologically, emotionally and/or socially from camp programs and activities.
4. Not have a criminal background that would exclude them from participation.
5. All financial obligations must be met prior to attendance, unless otherwise arranged.
6. Be able to adapt to and function safely in a group environment – this includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Being able to function within our established staff to camper ratios (2 staff to 6 campers);
 - b. Following directions of the staff and rules of camp;
 - c. Participating in the majority of scheduled camp activities;
 - d. Living and sleeping in a community setting, including maintaining appropriate hygiene (with or without assistance from staff);
 - e. Eating and drinking adequate amounts for nutritional support;
 - f. Taking medication as prescribed/administered; and,
 - g. Remaining with assigned group (including at night).
7. Be at a level, behaviorally, that is manageable in our camp setting. Examples that may not be manageable include:
 - a. Individuals who are abusive to self, others and/or property;
 - b. Individuals with a history of running off;
 - c. Physical or sexual aggression or a history thereof;
 - d. Individuals who need physical restraints to manage behaviors;
 - e. The need for a 1:1 staff member to manage behaviors;

- f. Individuals that need behavioral care/support throughout the night.
8. Be at a level of health and wellness that is manageable in our camp setting. Examples that may not be manageable include those:
- a. Requiring mechanical assistance, or more than two staff members, for physical transfers;
 - b. Dependent on technical life sustaining equipment or apparatuses;
 - c. Dependent on oxygen;
 - d. With medical conditions requiring 1:1 nursing or supportive care (including unstable diabetes);
 - e. Requiring overnight care or overnight medicine administration;
 - f. With seizures not reasonably controlled by medication;
 - g. With current communicable diseases or highly contagious conditions that can be spread through casual human contact and/or community living;
 - h. With medical conditions that have a substantial risk or likelihood for complication or injury;
 - i. With severe allergies;
 - j. Who are physically or psychologically medically unstable;
 - k. Who present with unmanageable illnesses/conditions;
 - l. With recent, unresolved exposure to bed bugs (proof of initial and 14-day extermination treatment from professional company required prior to attendance).

FAMILY CAMP ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicant families must meet the following essential eligibility criteria:

1. At least one child of the family must have vision loss as diagnosed by a medical professional. The individual with vision loss must be between the ages of 0-7.
2. Only immediate family members may accompany the camper(s) with vision loss to camp.
3. All adult family members in attendance must not have a criminal background that would exclude them from participation.
4. Families must have paid all applicable and required fees for programming, unless otherwise arranged.
5. Siblings without vision loss must be able to function in camp's identified staff to camper ratios; including following directions of staff and remaining with their assigned group/counselor. If they are unable to do so they may not be able to participate in programmed activities without a parent/guardian present.
6. Families must be able and willing to be housed in our traditional cabins – potentially shared with another family.
7. All family members must be able to follow the rules of camp.
8. All family members must be in good health upon check-in at camp.
9. Parents/guardians must be able to care for the health and wellness of their family while at camp, including management of medication.