



2013 Disability Mentoring Day on the Hill

The Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) program connects nearly 16,500 students and job seekers with disabilities to thousands of employers each year. DMD, held the third Wednesday in October, promotes career development through hands-on programs, job shadowing, and ongoing mentoring. This experience has helped thousands of past participants develop lasting relationships and secure internships or jobs.

As DMD coordinator for the Washington, DC area, AAPD is seeking interested high school students with disabilities to apply for an opportunity to job shadow in a congressional or DC council office on Disability Mentoring Day, Wednesday, October 16, 2013. This unique hands-on experience will provide an opportunity to experience the inner dynamics of a congressional office and also present professional development tools for students with disabilities.

TO APPLY

- Applications must be received by **5:00 PM EST on or before Friday, September 27, 2013.**
- Applicants must submit the following items.
 - The application below
 - A resume (**optional**)
 - A 300-350 word essay (see below for topic)

All applications must be submitted in an accessible format. Any candidate who submits an application in an inaccessible format will be automatically disqualified.

Submit all application materials to dmd@aapd.com

Eligibility

- Any high school student in the Washington, DC who **self-identifies** as an individual with any type of disability:
 - PLEASE NOTE: You will not be required to disclose your specific disability; however, your application for DMD on the Hill will signify that you consider yourself a person with a disability.
- Applicants chosen for DMD on the Hill will release all information contained in their application for use on the AAPD website and in public press releases, including releases to the program funders and potential employers.

What Happens Next

- 1. Completed applications received by AAPD before **5:00 PM EST on or before Friday, September 13, 2013** will be collected and submitted for review by AAPD staff.

DMD on the Hill Application
Deadline: Friday, September 13, 2013 (5:00 PM, EST)

Please read all instructions before completing your application.

SECTION 1: Eligibility

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Permanent Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____
 E-mail: _____
 School Name: _____

Please check to attest

Disability:

- I am a person with a disability.

I am currently attending a:

- DC area high school

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

SECTION 2: Qualifications

Please attach your resume in Microsoft Word format and ensure that it includes the following information **(optional)**.

Contact Information

- Full Name
- Permanent contact information including mailing address, phone and/or TTY, and e-mail
- Current contact information including mailing address, phone and/or TTY, and e-mail

Education

- Currently pursuing a high school diploma

Work Experience, Volunteer Activities, and Awards (optional – but enhances overall application)

- Previous work experience, dates of employment, and nature of the work
- Community service, teaching, or other civic activities
- Organizations or clubs of which you have been a member in the past five (5) years (including titles & dates of any offices held)
- Awards and/or honors received
- Any other disability-related activities or civic involvement applicable to this opportunity

SECTION 3: Essays (300-500 words each)

Please attach your essays in Microsoft Word format and ensure that it includes at least the following items:

A. How will the opportunity to job shadow on the Hill or DC council contribute to your overall professional development?

B. If selected, how do you think the experience will eventually help with your transition from secondary school to college and/or a professional career?

SECTION 5: Demographics

AAPD is committed to encouraging diversity in education with respect to disability, gender, race, geographic location, sexual orientation, and age.

To ensure AAPD's outreach is connecting with a diverse group of applicants, you may choose to share with us the following information, but you are not required to complete this section.

Disability: _____
Age: _____

Gender: _____
Race or Ethnicity: _____

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Please note that acceptance will be based upon the number of applicants and this year's participation level from host congressional offices.

For office use only.

Application # _____