

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Proof of legal blindness**
- Students may have additional disabilities which could include:** Autism, Deaf-blindness, Deafness, Emotional Disturbance, Hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury.
- School-age 5-21 years**  
(preschoolers can apply prior to age 5)



**Application Process may be initiated by a parent, guardian or by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) of the student's school district of residence.**



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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(877) NYSSFTB (1-877-697-7382) ext. 205 or 340

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<https://www.nysed.gov/nyssb>

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Batavia, New York 14020

## NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

*Children with special needs  
come into our lives...*

*Leaving handprints on our  
hearts...*

*And we are never the same.*



Since 1868, the New York State School for the Blind (NYSSB) has provided excellence in education and residential programming at no cost to families.

## NYSSB PROVIDES

- ✓ an educationally and psychologically healthy environment
- ✓ efficient, effective, individualized, high quality programs and services
- ✓ specialized assistance for students experiencing oral-motor dysfunction and/or feeding disorders
- ✓ opportunity to develop an effective style of communication
- ✓ a nurturing and stimulating environment that enriches students' lives and offers a sense of belonging
- ✓ opportunities for students to gain and develop physical skills and independence



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- ✓ **NYS Learning Standards and Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS)**
- ✓ **Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC)**  
The body of knowledge and skills that are needed by students with visual impairments.  
**The nine areas of the ECC are:**
  - compensatory or functional academic skills, including communication modes
  - orientation and mobility
  - social interaction skills
  - independent living skills
  - recreation and leisure skills
  - career education
  - use of assistive technology
  - sensory efficiency skills
  - self-determination

## DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS

- ✓ **Regents**
- ✓ **Local**
- ✓ **Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)**
- ✓ **Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)**

## UNIQUE ASPECTS OF NYSSB

- ✓ **Experience/expertise with rare disorders and low incidence disabilities such as:**
  - Optic Nerve Hypoplasia
  - Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum
  - Retinopathy of Prematurity
  - Septo-Optic Dysplasia (SOD)
  - Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS)
  - Sturge-Weber Syndrome
  - CHARGE Syndrome
  - Lenz Microphthalmia Syndrome
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder & Visual Impairment (ASDVI)
  - Deaf/Blind
- ✓ **Optional 5-Day Residence; an extension of our Educational Program**
- ✓ **On-site services in the following areas:**
  - Adapted Physical Education
  - Art Therapy
  - Assistive Technology
  - Audiology
  - Autism
  - Behavior Therapy
  - Braille
  - Dietetic
  - Feeding Therapy
  - Music Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Orientation and Mobility (O&M)
  - Physical Therapy
  - Recreation Therapy / Therapeutic Swimming
  - Skilled Nursing
  - Speech/Language
  - Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI)

