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# Join MCB Today!

The Missouri Council of the Blind, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the largest blind consumer organization in the state of Missouri.

MCB is an organization run by the members for the members. The majority of our membership, including our board of directors, is legally blind.

Join us supporting the needs of the blind and visually impaired throughout Missouri. We know how to deal with the limitations due to vision loss as part of our daily experience.

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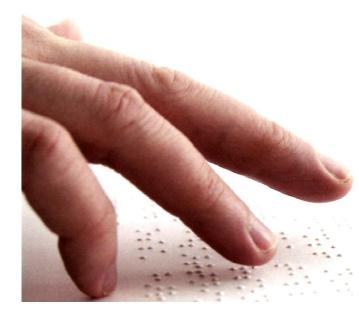
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# A Great Place to Be!

The loss of part or all of your vision means that some new skills may be needed and old skills will need to be relearned. The adjustments that you make to your new lifestyle will give you the best chance for a successful and independent life.

The Missouri Council of the Blind (MCB) is a support group that can provide information and help guide you through the maze of questions that will arise as you build your new lifestyle.

### **About MCB**

Organized in 1956, MCB currently has 18 affiliate branches providing support to visually impaired Missourians throughout the state. In addition, MCB's 5 special interest affiliates provide blind and low-vision individuals with a variety of ways to learn to communicate and to become more involved with the organization. They are:

- Adaptive Technology Division (AT)
- Braille Revival League of Missouri
- Library Users of Missouri
- Missouri Council of Citizens with Low Vision
- Missouri Guide Dog Users

### **MCB Programs**

MCB plays a vital role in assisting newly blind individuals as they learn to live with vision loss. MCB currently offers 7 major programs to legally blind citizens in Missouri. The programs are:

**Special Services:** provides financial assistance in emergency situations.

**Health Benefits:** offers a small yearly stipend to those who have experienced surgery or illness.

Adaptive Technology: offers legally blind Missourians the opportunity to be able to purchase adaptive equipment through a 50/50 matching grant.

**Scholarships:** offers scholarships to visually impaired students who are pursuing a degree. This program is very valuable as blind students have added expenses when attending college or graduate school.

Youth Services: provides an opportunity for legally-blind young adults to become involved with a consumer organization as they learn to advocate for themselves and others who are visually impaired. This program also provides equipment to visually-impaired children that allows them to participate and compete on an equal level with their sighted peers.

Summer Camp: fills a very important socialization need for blind and visually-impaired Missourians of all ages and their families. Held at Cobblestone Lodge, the Summer Camp Program provides fun, recreation and relaxation and helps build a strong, supportive community that adds to the quality of life for hundreds of Missourians living with vision impairments.

Legislative Training: members of the blind and visually-impaired community are affected by legislation and public policy each and every day. We provide a forum to discuss current issues and provide the training and opportunities needed to enable our members to confidently work with elected officials and take an active role in the democratic process.

### **MCB Mission**

The purpose of the Missouri Council of the Blind shall be to promote the general well being of our members and legally blind people in Missouri, and to support or participate in other programs promoting the best interests of legally blind people everywhere.

