

# LEAP

## Leadership Education Advocacy Program

### June 11, 2023 – August 12, 2023

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**LEAP** is a residential program providing youth ages 14 – 21 the chance to connect with friends, learn blindness skills, build confidence, and prepare for their transition to higher education or to enter the workplace with confidence. Students may attend all or part of the summer as their schedules allow.

Participants will learn how to be successful with braille, technology, travel, home management, college preparation, job readiness training, independent living, and gain a positive philosophy through training with blind role models. Participants and staff reside on a college campus and continue to work on skills as they travel around campus and the community.



**It's not all work at LEAP** – Participants experience a wide variety of activities such as canoeing, camping, attending an Iowa Cubs game, rock climbing, going to the movies, hanging out at the mall, jumping around at a trampoline park, Adventureland, playing Goalball, grilling, swimming, and much more!

**In addition**, each participant has the choice to attend either the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) or the American Council of the Blind (ACB) conventions held in July. These conventions offer participants a wide variety of resources from across the country and even the world, including career-driven divisions, divisions specifically for students, technology workshops, job fairs, networking opportunities, and advocacy opportunities.

**Please apply online at:**

<https://iowadepthblind.wufoo.com/forms/2023-leap-application/>.

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