



# The Maryland School for the Blind

## FACT SHEET

### Where are we?

MSB is 95 acres of beautiful woods and fields, located in the Northeast corner of Baltimore City, with 23 buildings on campus. MSB is about 20 miles from Washington, D.C. and 3 hours from New York City. A short drive from our campus can either take you to Maryland's Eastern Shore, or, out west, to the Appalachian Mountains of Western Maryland.

### Who are we?

The Maryland School for the Blind is a private, non-profit school that educates students from birth through age 21 with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, for functional independence. Since we first opened our doors in 1853, we have treated the whole child, not just the disability. We provide instructional, residential, orientation and mobility, recreational activities, health services, physical, speech, music, and occupational therapies and Braille instruction. We teach all of the basics, including math, reading and science, in addition to the specialized services tailored to meet the needs of our students. Many of the students on our Baltimore campus are blind or visually impaired and multiply disabled. There is a very special challenge in providing services for these children, but it is a challenge we meet each and every day.

### What should I expect?

The music therapy program at MSB serves a very diverse population of students with varying disabilities. The music therapy intern will be expected to become an integral part of the treatment team, over the course of one school year, by leading group music therapy sessions, performing individual assessments, carrying a small caseload of direct service, interacting and working with team members from other disciplines, and assisting the program in any way that benefits our students and the school community. In addition, the music therapy intern will attend various trainings throughout the year to further their growth and knowledge in the field of sensory disorders and visual impairment. Music therapy interns interested in applying for this internship should have functional skills in voice, guitar, and piano and should have some knowledge of sensory disorders, specifically how music therapy is used in the treatment of those who are visually impaired, multiply disabled, and on the autistic spectrum. Some previous clinical work with these populations is required.

### What do we offer music therapy interns?

1. Living arrangements: Housing will be supplied in on-campus dorm rooms.
2. Meals: The school cafeteria is available Sunday evening through Friday lunch. Interns will receive a meal pass for all meals. The cafeteria is closed over weekends, holidays, and breaks.
3. Stipend: There will be no stipend and no other financial help available.

4. Liability coverage: The music therapy intern will be responsible for providing their own liability coverage through their University or their independent insurance.
5. Transportation: Public transportation is available to the intern. However, it is recommended that the intern have a car for his/her own convenience.

#### **When does the internship start?**

The internship starts at the beginning of November and will end in June, on the last day of school. The internship is approximately 930 hours and will follow the school year schedule, including breaks and holidays. However, the amount of hours spent at the internship can be suited to each student's need. There will be the possibility of earlier or later start dates depending upon the intern's and the facility's academic schedule. Notification of internship beginning and ending dates will be forwarded with the acceptance letter.

#### **For more information:**

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