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Work and College Opportunities Program

Program Dates: June-July

The Work and College Opportunities (W.A.C.O.) project at Texas A&M University is a 6-week program held in the summer for young adults with a disability. TWC-VR Transition Services, Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living (BVCIL) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension & Center on Disability and Development collaborate to put together a unique college and employment experience. This college and work opportunity program for TWC customers is held at Texas A&M University. Participants receive development and instruction in professionalism, self-determination, self-advocacy, teamwork, assistive technology, independent living skills, and other related areas connected to employment and college attendance while participating in a paid work experience.

Forty (40) young adults will be selected to attend. The project would be in-person. During both experiences, participants will learn about college opportunities and work in the community 10-20 hours a week. Development of vocational skills, career exploration, and independent living skills are emphasized. The employment sites, job coaches and transportation are provided by Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living (BVCIL).

For more information about the program and application, please visit

<https://cdd.tamu.edu/education/waco-project/>

Application Instructions

Individuals applying for the W.A.C.O. project must be 18 years of age by the start date of the program. Complete applications must be submitted and received by application deadline. Specifics will be provided at a later date. Contact Ms. Shelbi Davenport at Shelbi.davenport@ag.tamu.edu or Dr. Xuan (Jade) Wu at jade.wu@ag.tamu.edu.

****Acceptance is not guaranteed. A panel of reviewers will score application after the application deadline. You will be notified in April of the status of your application****