

Ready For Life Academy: Your Path to Inclusive, Immersive Post-Secondary Education

Since 2007, the Ready For Life (RFL) Academy has been committed to providing post-secondary inclusive and immersive programming for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Over the years, our application process has evolved to ensure we offer the best possible experience for our students. Here's an overview of what you can expect when applying to RFL Academy.

Visit Days: Explore Your Future at RFL

We offer two sets of visit days to help prospective students and families experience life at RFL:

- **Fall Visit Days:** Perfect for those planning to apply in November, these visit days include a campus tour, an RFL class experience with our instructors, lunch on campus, and a Q&A session with staff.
- **Spring Visit Days:** Ideal for high school juniors exploring their future options. This day provides a preview of what RFL has to offer as they begin considering post-secondary education.

Application Process: Ready to Apply?

Applying to RFL Academy is simple! Start by visiting our website and completing the **RFL Academy Application**. Along with the application form, there are a few requirements:

- **Life Skills Inventory:** Adapted from the Casey Life Skills Inventory, this tool gives us a clear understanding of how students perceive their own abilities and areas of growth.
- **Academic References:** Applicants provide two academic references who complete a condensed life skills inventory focused on academic capabilities, including reading, writing, and math levels. This helps us better understand the student's classroom experience and accommodations.

Application Review: Thorough and Personalized

Once submitted, the admissions team reviews all applications to ensure students meet our baseline requirements. If there are any concerns, such as whether a student has an intellectual/developmental disability, we will work closely with the family to discuss the application status and recommendations. For eligible applicants, we will schedule an in-person interview and assessment.

Interview & Assessment: Showcasing Your Potential

Applicants participate in a personal interview and basic skills assessment with our admissions team. We focus on understanding the student's passion for attending college, living independently, and securing future employment. We also assess skills in reading, writing, math, and personal communication.

While the applicant is being interviewed, parents meet with another team member to complete a Parent Readiness Scale. This provides us with valuable insights into their expectations and allows us to align them with the program's offerings.

Final Review: Making Thoughtful, Equitable Decisions

After the interviews and assessments, the admissions team evaluates each student's application, transcripts, and interview feedback using a detailed rubric. This ensures an equitable and thorough review process. Once scores are compiled, the team meets to select the incoming freshman class for each campus. Applicants and families will receive official notifications via mail, which will include next steps and important commitment dates.

Ready For Life Academy is excited to welcome future students and help them reach their full potential! Apply today and begin your journey towards independence, education, and personal growth.