A Transition Program for High School Students with Disabilities sponsored by MSU’s Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD), and the Wochholz Endowment for Persons with Disabilities
https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/venture

Venture into the world of Higher Education...

As a student with a disability, considering college comes with a mix of excitement and uncertainty. RCPD invites you to join us for a unique on-campus pre-college experience. The Venture Program offers you the chance to “try on” university life through an interactive experience here at Michigan State University (MSU). You’ll talk directly with students with disabilities who have “been there” and understand the journey, consult with university disability specialists, and experience firsthand the latest assistive technology. Be ready to attend a college class, stay overnight, and build connections with other high school students (and we’re sure to have fun along the way!). Join us for two full days, with an overnight stay in one of our accessible residence halls. Explore the possibilities, design your future, and commit to success- it’s in your hands!

Who can apply?
If you’re a high school student with a disability between the ages of 16-18, you’re welcome to apply to the program. Apply online starting March 1, 2014 at https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/venture

Program Dates: July 9-11, 2014
Participants will stay overnight in an MSU accessible residence hall and will be expected to fully participate in the experience.

What will I be doing during Project Venture?
- Meet other high school students with disabilities
- Learn from current MSU students, and interact with MSU disability specialists
- Participate in breakout activities in assistive technology and learning skills for college
- Become aware of self-advocacy skills and resources for a successful transition
- Develop a long-range goal that includes a vision of higher education in your future!

Meals/Food:
All meals (Thursday breakfast-Friday lunch) are included in the cost of the program. If you have food-related concerns, we will work with you along with our dining staff to meet your needs as best as we can.

Overnight Lodging:
Participants will stay overnight in an accessible residence hall with another student in the Venture program (of the same gender).

Accommodations for programming:
Through the application and registration process, students will be able to fully explain accommodation needs for housing and other on-campus experiences. We’re committed to making this a meaningful experience for all involved and will work actively with you to meet your accommodation needs.

Program Cost: $115.00
(If this program cost presents financial hardship, or is prohibitive of your participation, please contact us for scholarship consideration).

Other important details:
Venture staff will be on hand through the duration of the programming, and will provide daytime and overnight supervision at all times.

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