If you have low vision and meet certain criteria, you may be eligible for the Bioptic Driving Program at the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services in Nitro, WV.

How do I qualify?

We require you to have an eye exam within six months of entering the program. You also must meet these basic requirements:

- 20/70 to 20/200 corrected vision in the better eye
- 20/40 or better vision through the bioptic telescope
- At least 120 degrees horizontal and 80 degrees vertical field of view in the better eye
- Normal range of motion in the head and neck
- Passing scores in our clinical evaluation, in-car and passenger-in-car evaluations
- Passing score for an instructional permit at any West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles driver testing center

For more information, call toll-free
1-800-642-3021 (Voice/TDD)
In the Charleston area, call 304-760-7149

Exit 45 from I-64 Turn left (east)
Travel east on Rt. 25 to Pickens Road
Turn right, cross RR tracks
Turn right again at McJunkin Road
WVDRS Rehabilitation Programs offices are at 10 McJunkin Road on your left

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services
1-800-642-8207 (V/TDD)
www.wvdrs.org
What is the bioptic driving program?

The program educates participants on West Virginia driving laws and other skills necessary to operate a vehicle.

The course of study teaches how to use a bioptic lens system, critical object awareness, hazard perception and defensive driving.

This program makes it possible for a qualified person with low vision to obtain a Class G driving permit and driver training.

Successful trainees can then apply for a Class G driver’s license in West Virginia. These drivers are restricted to the use of a bioptic lens system.

I will become more independent and get a better job. Not having to rely on someone is such a relief. Every one of my limitations will be resolved after the training.

Teddy

Before the program I was afraid to drive anywhere outside of a five-mile radius in my area. Now I feel great about driving in areas not in my comfort zone. I can shop, work and visit friends and family.

Victoria

After completion it will allow me to be more self-reliant and more independent in my daily life. After I obtain my driver’s license, I will able to expand my horizons.

Steven

Being a single mother of two young children, I appreciate the program tremendously. Being self-sufficient will be a welcome change. Obtaining my driver’s license will open new job opportunities and places to go.

Heather