Eligibility Requirements
Candidates for the Randolph-Sheppard Program must be legally blind, with a visual acuity of no better than 20/200 in the better eye with best correction, or have visual fields of 20 degrees or less and be a citizen of the United States.

Additional requirements:
• Must have high school diploma or equivalent
• Ability to perform basic math skills
• Ability to read and write either Braille or other materials
• Ability to understand, perform and delegate all accounting practices required by law

Mission
The mission of the Randolph-Sheppard Program is to ensure and promote financial independence for qualified individuals who are blind while providing excellence in food service.

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West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services functions as the state licensing agency for the Randolph-Sheppard Program. Individuals are referred by a Division of Rehabilitation Counselor for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Clients must meet the eligibility requirements to be considered.

“This program has been a life changing event for me and my family. I’ve come to realize that working as a disabled person is difficult anywhere in the workforce. In this program you are given the training and skills needed to own your own business, so the sky is the limit. You can go as far as your ambition and hard work will take you.”

Jeremy Lucas, licensed blind vendor operating at the Capitol Food Court in Charleston, WV

“I joined the Randolph-Sheppard Program in September 2008. Since that time I have enjoyed working with the staff at the Charleston Office as well as all the vendors throughout the state of West Virginia. It has been an exciting, yet adventurous journey. The opportunity to run your own business is fun and brings excitement. I would like to thank the staff of the Randolph-Sheppard Program for their support in this adventure. Thank You!”

Doug Walters

Services

- Training
- Business Licensing
- Placement
- Remunerative Employment

Program provides:
Location
Equipment
Maintenance
Startup Capital
Business Oversight