

BECOME A VOLUNTEER AUDIO TRANSCRIPTIONIST AT MINNESOTA STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

To become an audio transcriptionist at Minnesota State Services for the Blind, volunteers must first pass an oral reading test.

The oral reading test consists of eight parts:

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| (1) word pronunciation | (5) drama |
| (2) general reading | (6) specialty term tests (optional) |
| (3) literature | (7) newspaper |
| (4) poetry | (8) humor |

One of the most necessary reading characteristics we require is the ability to read aloud without previous preparation – and to do it well.

You will be evaluated on how well you follow instructions, correct mistakes, and are accurate in reading and pronunciation.

Additionally, you must have clear diction and your reading must:

- be appropriate to the material, skillfully adding proper emphasis and demonstrating how words fit together for good expression and meaning;
- communicate accurately the thoughts and ideas set forth in the text;
- demonstrate fluency and ease;
- bring the material to life;
- maintain a pace that is appropriate to the material; and
- avoid being patterned and monotonous.

If you believe you have these reading qualities, scroll down, and take the pretest!

IS THIS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU?

TEST YOURSELF!

Reading aloud is very different than reading to yourself. If you love to read and feel you have expertise in this area, you may want to share your joy of reading with others.

You may be someone who can help bring printed words to life for those who cannot read standard print because of a qualifying visual, physical, or reading disability. If you are interested, test yourself on the following words:

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| 1. ambivalence | 11. queue |
| 2. gubernatorial | 12. bacchanalian |
| 3. nuclear | 13. choreography |
| 4. hallucinatory | 14. bureaucracy |
| 5. niche | 15. deficit |
| 6. dichotomy | 16. irrelevant |
| 7. rhetoric | 17. acclimate |
| 8. unanimity | 18. pseudonym |
| 9. obsequious | 19. barrage |
| 10. recidivism | 20. Ophthalmologist |

If you can pronounce 18 out of 20 words without hesitation and have the reading qualities described on the previous sheet, please fill out the application below. We will contact you to set up a convenient time for an oral reading audition.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!