# THE CLARK INCLUSIVE SCHOLARS PROGRAM









Funded by the Clark Family Foundation, the Clark Inclusive Scholars Program is an individualized post-secondary certificate program for students with intellectual disabilities. It is expected that upon completion of the program, students will either be prepared to enter the workforce or continue on for an associate degree.

## In the program, students will:

- Typically complete the certificate program in four semesters.
- Spend an average of 20 hours or more on the Firelands campus attending classes, gaining work experience, receiving individualized instruction and support, and socializing with peers.
- Access to the same learning environments and student life activities as all other BGSU Firelands students.
- Use an individualized plan to guide the development of each student's program of study, career development activities, and student life involvement. Learning experiences will focus on the development of academic, social, and career skills that lead to competitive employment, meaningful careers and community membership.

#### **Profile of participating student:**

- Between the ages of 18 and 26
- Has a demonstrated intellectual disability
- Has completed a high school diploma
- Was formally eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act
- Had a good attendance and disciplinary record in secondary school
- Is not able to benefit from enrollment in a traditional academic program at BGSU but are interested in continuing to develop skills to live and work independently
- Is able to learn to navigate campus independently and to be unsupervised for a minimum of one hour

## **Application and enrollment timeline:**

- The Clark Scholars program welcomes a new cohort each fall semester
- Space is limited; applicants are reviewed holistically to ensure fit within the program's offering
- · Application materials available online

"The Clark Inclusive Scholars Program provides an access opportunity for students to develop skills that help foster independence and prepare students for the next steps in the lives. We're thrilled to further BGSU Firelands' access mission by supporting this important program."

- David and Jacquie Clark

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