

Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS)
SCHOOL DISTRICT NOMINATION FOR CREATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Nominee Name _____ School District _____

Employment Position _____ Grade Level(s) _____

The Nominee seeking CREATE funds for BCBA national certification meets the following criteria. The HR Director will affirm by initialing (by hand) each criterion below:

_____ Holds a Bachelor's/Master's degree in special education (or other education area)

_____ Holds an SCDE educator license in special education (Visual Impairments)

_____ Has teaching experience in special education (Visual Impairments)

The HR Director and Nominee each will affirm by initialing (by hand) each provision below:

1. Our District has a definite need for an Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Specialist who would provide expert assistance to teachers in our schools who have students with visual impairments.

HR Director affirms by initialing here: _____ Nominee affirms by initialing here: _____

2. Our District has a current O&M Specialist position that we need to fill, or an O&M Specialist position that will need to be filled in the near future, or we will be creating an O&M position in which one-fourth(0.25 FTE) or more of the work role is allocated exclusively to consultation with students with VI or teachers of VI students, with the balance of the work load in special education instruction (if the O&M Specialist position is not full-time 1.0 FTE). We understand the O&M national certification may not be used solely as a competency enhancement for the nominee/teacher to remain in a full-time teaching assignment in the classroom.

HR Director affirms by initialing here: _____ Nominee affirms by initialing here: _____

3. Our District will nominate a full-time employee who (a) holds a Bachelor's degree in Special Education (or related field), (b) holds a valid SCDE educator license in Special Education/VI, and (c) is an experienced Special Education Teacher of VI students to receive full CREATE scholarship funding (tuition and textbooks) for the O&M national certification program of study.

HR Director affirms by initialing here: _____ Nominee affirms by initialing here: _____

4. Our District will commit to employing the Nominee for a period of at least three years as an O&M Specialist upon completion of the O&M program of coursework, contingent upon the individual having demonstrated continuing satisfactory work performance with no personnel disciplinary issues in the interim. The Nominee will accept the O&M position and return at least three (3) years of return service.

HR Director affirms by initialing here: _____ Nominee affirms by initialing here: _____

HR Director Name (Printed) _____

HR Director Signature _____ Date _____