

INDEPENDENCE TRACK

Students enrolled in the **Independence Track** work or volunteer in the community on Monday and Tuesday utilizing supports through ECF Choices, Vocational Rehabilitation or MAPs, then meet for classes on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM during the academic year (August - May). Summer Adventure Activities will be scheduled during June and July.

Families registering for the **Independence Track** have the opportunity to apply for financial aid. Tuition rates are on a sliding scale fee based on household income. For families who elect not to apply for financial aid, tuition will automatically be set at the full tuition amount of \$11,000/year or \$916.67/month.

Tuition rates are based on admittance, not attendance, and will not be prorated. Tuition is paid on a monthly basis and due on the 5th of each month. Tuition can be paid by ACH Draft, check, or cash.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Job Skills Training & Supported Employment
- ✓ Life Skills Training, Personal Finance, Health & Nutrition
- ✓ Book Club / Language Arts
- ✓ Taekwondo / Fitness
- ✓ Spiritual Formation
- ✓ Specialty classes such as Driver's Education, Sewing Classes, Art, Theater, Foreign Studies, Music

ABOUT US

Hope & Thrive Academy has been providing post-secondary educational opportunities to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 2013. We serve as a program of Holston Home for Children, established in 1895 in Greeneville, TN.

PROGRAM LOCATION

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Enhancing Trust



Maximizing independence through educational opportunities that produce intellectual, social, vocational, spiritual, and physical growth for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



WHAT OTHERS SAY

"Hope & Thrive Academy is an amazing place! I was so blown away at their quality of care, their love for their students, and their commitment to excellence."

Jeremy Faison
TN State Representative, District 11

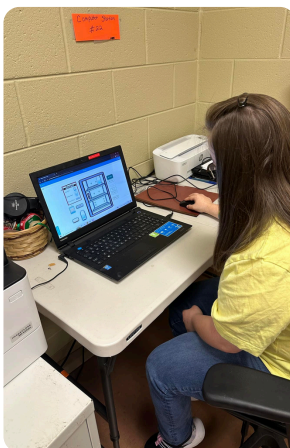
"Hope & Thrive Academy has proven to be an asset to the Lakeway area's adult, special needs persons. It is a model that should be replicated in every city so that these special needs adults can continue learning, sharing in the community, and discovering their uniqueness as a valued treasure."

Pastor Jim Price
Heritage Fellowship Church



THRIVING

- 92% of our **Independence Track** students have integrated jobs in the community earning competitive wages.
- Over ¼ of our **Independence Track** students live independently in the community with minimal supports.
- Several have earned their First Degree and Second Degree Black Belts in Taekwondo.
- Several have their driver's license and learners permit.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Must have a diagnosed intellectual or developmental disability.
- ✓ Must have a copy of student's most recent psychological or psycho-educational evaluation.
- ✓ Must have a copy of student's most recent annual physical exam.
- ✓ Must be capable of responding to an emergency signal, such as a fire alarm or verbal prompting to evacuate.
- ✓ Must be able to navigate stairs unassisted.
- ✓ Must be able to self-regulate emotions. Students may not have behaviors which severely disrupt other students or program activities; or have behaviors which place students, staff members, or others in danger.
- ✓ Must have reliable transportation to and from Hope & Thrive Academy.
- ✓ Student must be able to provide for their own self-care (toileting, eating without assistance, etc).
- ✓ Must be at least 18 years of age and no longer receive Special Education services through a private or public institution.
- ✓ Must have a state issued photo ID.
- ✓ Must be able to self-administer prescribed or OTC medications with supervision of a staff member.