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## **APPLY NOW**

- Two-year non-degree certificate program
- Open to ages 18-26
- Must be registered with Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center

DEADLINE Friday **10TH** JUNE 2022

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Tennessee State University was awarded a \$284,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to establish the TigerEDGE program. TigerEDGE was designed to help students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. TSU is the first public institution in Middle Tennessee and the first HBCU in the nation to offer students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) an opportunity to attend college and obtain a non- degree certificate.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021), "Across all educational attainment groups – the unemployment rates for persons with a disability are higher than those for persons without a disability."TSU is working to close the gap. We believe the experience of learning, living, and working together in an inclusive environment enhances the lives of all students and our campus community as a whole.

The funding for TigerEDGE is for two years with the objectives to Educate, Develop, and Grow for Employability for program participants. The nondegree certificate program will allow young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to experience college life while also preparing them for employment. The program will target enrollment of eight students in Fall 2022.

TigerEDGE's ultimate goal is to provide intellectual and developmental disabled (IDD) students with job readiness skills to become gainfully employed.

> For more information about TigerEDGE Program, visit www.tnstate.edu/disabilityservices or call 615-963-7480