

# National Federation of the Blind of Ohio 2023 State Convention Assistance Form

The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio's 2023 state Convention will take place November 17 through November 19 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Independence Ohio.

Because affiliate resources are limited, those chosen to receive help will receive partial assistance only. Please complete this form, and submit the letters requested on or before October 15, 2023. Requests received after that date may not be considered. If you have questions about the form or the process, contact me by email at [rchipay7@gmail.com](mailto:rchipay7@gmail.com) or call 937-829-3368, for information or help.

NOTE: For anyone receiving Convention Assistance, you will be expected to volunteer and attend all general sessions along with other meetings and workshops.

By receiving Convention assistance from the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio to attend the Convention; you agree to abide by the Convention hotels and the National Federation of the Blind as related to Covid-19 safety regulations and the code of conduct.

Those seeking Convention Assistance to attend their first National Convention should complete the application by noting it on the form. Consult with your Chapter or Division President about this process.

Whatever assistance you are requesting, please attach a letter explaining why you wish to attend the Convention and what you hope to accomplish as a result. If we should know about extenuating circumstances before deciding about your application, please explain them briefly.

Please pay attention to the next line. No one applies for Convention Assistance without financial need, so this request is for information about extraordinary needs only.

The Board of Directors set aside limited funds for Convention Assistance, and when the funds are gone no more will be available, so get your request in early.

I also wish to note that last year we received letters that described work that you may have done that should be able to be confirmed by your Chapter President or another leader of the Ohio Affiliate. While work on the local level is great, we expect our members to be working on the local, state, and national levels as well.

Please speak to your Chapter or Division President and ask them to send me a letter of support for your application. When they send this information, I need to know what assistance you will be getting from your chapter. If your chapter or division has not made this decision yet the application for assistance will be held until this information is received. This information will weigh heavily on your application, so chapter president do your best to assist our members. If you are not yet a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, please call me for an interview by phone. You may call me at 937/829/3368.

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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2. Please attach your Letter here: \*

Files submitted:

3. First and Last Name \*

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4. Phone Number \*

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5. Address Include Street, City, State, and Zip Code \*

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6. Number of Adults \*

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7. Number of Children \*

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8. Date of Arrival \*

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*Example: January 7, 2019*

9. Date of Departure \*

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*Example: January 7, 2019*

10. Are you requesting assistance with your hotel room? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes     *Skip to question 11*

No     *Skip to question 14*

### Hotel Room Assistance Questions

Note: hotel assistance will be half of a double. If you find more roommates, your cash will go further.

11. Have you made a room reservation? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

12. If you are a single adult, are you able to share a room with one to three people? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Should a roommate know about any habits or health problems? If Yes, please explain \*

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### Travel Assistance Questions

14. Are you requesting transportation assistance? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

15. Are you planning to drive to the convention? If yes, please enter the dollar amount you are requesting. Note: we reimburse 48 cents per mile.

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16. If you have already made transportation arrangements, please explain them. \*

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### Other Expenses Questions

17. Are there any miscellaneous expenses for which you are requesting assistance with? if so, please explain

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18. The banquet will cost about \$55.00 if you pre-register, are you requesting assistance with this important fee?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

This is the end of the form. Note: Please make sure to fill out the preregistration form for the convention! Thank You!

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