Dear Job Seekers,

For the second year in a row, we are conducting the National Federation of the Blind National Convention virtually. Our 2021 Career Fair will also be held as a virtual event on the Zoom platform on Tuesday, July 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

You are now able to register for the career fair at <https://nfb.org/form/career-fair-jobseeker-registration>. Registration will close at 5 p.m. ET Saturday, June 26. Nobody will be able to register after that date.

Cutting off registrations a week before the career fair will enable us to send employers your resumes and send you their contact information, so you can touch base with them and perhaps set up a time for them to talk to you at the career fair.

When you register, make sure that you attach your resume, as you will not be able to attach one later. You can find a useful resume format in an article I wrote for the May 2021 *Braille Monitor*: <https://nfb.org//images/nfb/publications/bm/bm21/bm2105/bm210516.htm>. It is extremely important that you check your resume and registration carefully to make sure that both accurately show your qualifications and the type(s) of employment you are seeking.

Two complaints we have received from career fair employers are that some job seekers did not have resumes and did not know what they wanted to do. Our employers are looking for people to hire; they are not career counselors. Please register only if you are looking for a job, whether full-time, part-time, summer, or internship.

I’m happy to say that after a year of Zoom meetings, we know a lot more about how to run a career fair, so I hope the problems some of you had last year will be a thing of the past. If you attended our career fair last year, you know that some employers choose to expand their space to have a waiting area and interview breakout rooms, while others may greet and interview people in the same room.

Last year, we had a Zoom room for the Employment Committee, in which we were able to provide help to job seekers. That service will be expanded this year. In addition, we plan to hold an online meeting in June to provide more information to job seekers about the career fair.

We will let you know when it happens. On Tuesday, July 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be an orientation to the career fair. You will be able to meet the employers and learn what they offer, as well as get any last-minute questions answered.

Following the career fair, we will hold our annual Job Seeker Seminar from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, July 7, our Upward Mobility Seminar will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and on Thursday, July 8, our Employment Committee Meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See the convention agenda for more details.

Questions? Please contact John Dubay at jdubay@strategiccontactsolutions.com or Dick Davis at ddavis@blindinc.org.

Best wishes,

Dick Davis, Chair

NFB Employment Committee