Hey Students!

I hope everyone is relaxing before all the craziness of national convention begins in just over a month! Please continue reading to find an exciting change in this years walk-a-thon rules!

The National Association of Blind Students is proud to announce that we are hosting our 9th annual NABS Walk-A-Thon! This fun effort will focus on raising funds for our organization which provides many resources for blind students, including mentorship, guidance on success in high school and higher education, sponsoring attendance at leadership seminars, and sending national student leaders to events to empower our youth.

What are we asking of you? Please join us by participating in this initiative, solely involving walking…something that is routine to most of us! You will be able to participate anywhere in the world, as long as you are willing to review your miles walked at the beginning and end of the 3 days, because this year, we are officially announcing a change to the deration of the walk-a-thon. Instead of reviewing your miles for one day, you will be able to track your steps for the first 3 days of convention, so we hope you will be walking with us in New Orleans, LA, in conjunction with the National Convention of the National Federation of the Blind from July 8 to July 10, 2025.

As for participating, there will be exciting incentives! The incentives will include $100 for the individual who raises the most, 10% of the total pot for the affiliate who raises the most, and pizza for the group who wins the most. For those who raise $25, you will be put into a raffle to potentially get $50 in cash.

Below, you will find two different links. One is to a Google Form that we ask you to fill out when participating, this allows for tracking purposes. The other link will be to the NABS Rally Up page, which provides a way for more information and how you will be participating or donating in our Walk-A-Thon. You will need to make an account on rally up as a way of participation. With Rally Up, you are able to have individuals donate directly to the website or have people sponsor you per metric that they are willing to sponsor you for. For example, I would give you $50 for every mile that you walk. All proceeds under your name will go towards what you raise overall and would be taken into account when calculating for the incentives.

Google Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrJYXweOVDtXxAsCYfuXe8LubmBkEhzJARalS_lSj12jBWuA/viewform>

NABS Rally Up link:

<https://go.rallyup.com/2025blindstudents/Campaign/Details>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to NABS board member Zachary Ledford at ledford.zachary38@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

NABS Fundraising Committee