**2023 Washington Seminar Application**

This application must be submitted to the NFB of Nevada Secretary by December 3, 2022

**INTRODUCTION AND RULES**

This form applies to members of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada, who wish to be delegates at the 2023 Washington Seminar whether or not assistance is sought from NFB of Nevada. It must be returned to the affiliate Secretary by email by December 3, 2022 at NFBFrida@gmail.com. The applications will be screened before being submitted to the Ambassador Committee. The Ambassador Committee will then make a recommendation to the Affiliate President.

Washington Seminar begins Monday, January 30, 2023. All delegates are expected to arrive the evening of Sunday, January 29, 2023 and make air travel reservations home no earlier than 6:00 pm Wednesday February 1, 2023. Delegates are expected to make their own flight and ground transportation arrangements to and from the hotel. The specific confirmed travel itinerary for arrival and departure must be provided to the affiliate Secretary, Frida Aizenman, at NFBFrida@gmail.com no later than January 1, 2023. The affiliate will pay for shared rooms only with members of the same gender in each room. Travel reimbursements will be processed after the seminar and reimbursements will be distributed thereafter.

Those who are selected as delegates must attend a mandatory Zoom Training, which will take place in mid-December and/or early January. This training will cover protocols such as the need for participants to attend assigned appointments and fulfill specific roles at the meetings. Participants are also expected to attend an afternoon training session in Washington, D.C. on Monday. They will meet with their fellow delegates and Affiliate President to practice their presentations unless assigned to another commitment at that time.

Following the seminar, delegates are expected to send at least one follow-up email to a staff member who attended the meeting in the Congressional Member’s office and must attend at least one follow-up meeting in the district office in order to garner or confirm support for our initiatives. The Affiliate President will arrange all meetings for the Washington Seminar and all follow up meetings in the district.

All applications will be considered. NFB of Nevada will give preference to veterans, first time attendees, students, and members from underrepresented geographic areas in the state. Those who have actively contacted and/or visited their legislators shall be given priority over those who have not done so. The Ambassador Committee shall consider whether an applicant listed the correct Congressional Representatives below in weighing the applicant’s ability to follow up and participate in Washington Seminar activities and legislative initiatives. The same person may be counted in more than one category, e.g., a student may also be a new attendee. Before final selections are made, applicants must give a telephonic presentation to the Affiliate President to confirm their understanding of the bills. The Affiliate President will contact applicants to schedule the interview.

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**APPLICATION**

Fill in your information in the areas marked (type here).

Name: (type here)

Address: (type here)

City, State, Zip:(type here)

Phone (Cell): (type here)

The cell phone number above should be the one you will have with you in Washington DC

Email: (type here)

My US House of Representatives Member is: (type here)

My 2 US Senators are: (type here)

Make every effort to list your Congressional members correctly. Not answering, or an incorrect listing may negatively affect your application.

Please explain any relationships that you or members of your family may have with other federal legislators, even if you do not live or vote in their districts: (type here)

Please check all of the following that apply by placing a letter “X” in between the brackets.

[] I am a student.

[] I would like to also attend the Student Seminar.

[] I am a veteran.

[] I am a senior citizen.

[] I am a blind merchant.

[] I am the parent of a blind child.

[] I have attended Washington Seminar before.

[] I have never attended Washington Seminar before.

**INTERVIEW**

Before final selection as a delegate, please be prepared to give a presentation to the Affiliate President by telephone.

**ESSAY**

NFB of Nevada would like to know why you should be appointed as a delegate to Washington Seminar 2023. Please discuss three reasons why you should be selected: (type here)

NFB of Nevada would like to know how well you understand our legislative initiatives. Please explain the main points of the current Legislative Bills found on [www.NFB.org](http://www.NFB.org): (type here)

NFB of Nevada would like to know if you have had any of the following experiences, check all of the following that apply by placing a letter “X” in between the brackets:

[] Have written a bill

[] Sent a letter or email to a congressional rep.

Please provide a copy or response from the office

[] Have received a sponsor or co-sponsor on a bill at the state or federal level

[] Participated in a boycott or strike

[] Visited with your Legislator’s office.

If so which one and which office? (type here)

[] Testified before the Nevada legislature or a sub-committee.

Please provide a copy of the testimony

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

By signing below, you understand and agree to the following:

1. Failure to comply with any requirements of the program, will lead to ineligibility in 2024.
2. Delegates are expected to arrive the evening of Sunday January 29, 2023 and make air travel reservations returning home no earlier than 6:00 PM Wednesday, February 1. Delegates are required to make their own flight and ground transportation arrangements to and from the hotel.
3. Delegates must attend the scheduled Zoom training to prepare for the seminar.
4. Delegates must attend the Monday afternoon in hotel training session in Washington, D.C. unless assigned to another commitment at that time.
5. Following the seminar, delegates will send at least one follow-up email to at least one of the staff members who attended a meeting in Washington, D.C.
6. Following the seminar, delegates will attend at least one follow up meeting in their home district with their Congressperson or staff.

Signature of applicant:

Date: