Criteria to Receive an Attendance Stipend for the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico State Convention

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Members of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico (NFBNM) with financial need can apply for a $100 stipend to assist with attending the NFBNM state convention. The NFBNM will give a $100 stipend to a maximum of ten eligible applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis. The stipend will be provided after the convention, provided all criteria below are met. The stipend will be awarded to only one NFBNM member per household.

**Eligibility to Apply for the Stipend**

NFBNM members are eligible to be considered for the stipend if they meet the following criteria:

1. The individual must be an active member in good standing of a chapter or division of NFBNM; the determination of good standing will be made by the president of the chapter or division. The individual must be current in the payment of their dues.

2. The member must not be receiving financial assistance to attend the NFBNM convention from another entity such as the New Mexico Commission for the Blind, the NFBNM affiliate, or any NFBNM chapter or division.

3. The member must send a letter, either via email or regular mail, to both the NFBNM president and NFBNM treasurer explaining their financial need for the stipend and describing why they wish to attend the state convention. The letter must be received on or before September 15, 2024.

**Eligibility to Receive the Stipend if Awarded**

The NFBNM president will inform each applicant whether or not they have been chosen to receive the stipend. Applicants who have been awarded the stipend must meet the following criteria in order to receive the stipend after the convention:

1. The member must have registered to attend the NFBNM convention.

2. During the NFBNM convention, the member must:

1. participate in the affiliate’s fundraising activities occurring during the convention;
2. attend the general sessions on Friday and Saturday and notify the NFBNM first vice president of their presence; and
3. attend the banquet at the convention.

3. The member must send an email or a letter via regular mail to both the NFBNM president and the NFBNM treasurer requesting the stipend within 30 days after the convention.