**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

**Of South Carolina**

**2023 Palmetto Convention Grant**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Application deadline: 11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2023. Please read the application rules and instructions carefully found at the end of this form. In 2023, there will be three grants awarded valued at $200 each.

# Qualifications:

To qualify for a Palmetto Convention Grant, the applicant must be

* A dues paying member in good standing,
* Registered for the NFB of SC state convention,
* Registered to stay at Embassy Suites
* A first time in-person attendee

# Personal Information: Please type your response after the information requested.

Name:

Address:

Phone number: (Cell): (Other):

Email address:

What are your hobbies?

If you are blind, do you feel that any of your hobbies are no longer attainable due to your blindness?

If so, which ones?

Have you attended an NFB of SC chapter or division meeting during the past year? If so, which one? How often? If not, why?

Are you a current member of the NFB of SC, meaning that you have paid your 2023 state dues and attend meetings of a chapter or division?

What are some of the areas that you wish to know more about, whether they are hobby-related or topics of interest? Please put an “X at the beginning of the line if interested.

Sports

Personal fitness

Talking Book Service

Newsline

Outdoor activities

Gardening/yard maintenance

House cleaning

Organization

Legal issues related to blindness

SSI/SSDI benefits

Employment

Assistive technology

Off the shelf technology products

SCCB/Older Blind Services

SCCB/Children’s Services

SCCB/Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Other state organizations serving the blind

Orientation and mobility

Techniques for medication management

Health management

Braille

Parenting

Other – Please specify.

\*\*This information will help us pair you with a convention guide to assist you with learning how the convention is structured; answering your questions; connecting you with people who share your interests; and to introduce you to other Federation members.

# Application must also include:

The following must accompany your application. If any of the following is not received by the application deadline, the application \*will not\* be considered; therefore, it is advisable to confirm receipt of all components of the application prior to the deadline):

1. Personal Letter from Applicant: A separate statement (In other words, not to be typed on this application.) in approximately 250 words or less, give your reason for applying for a grant and how it will assist you to become a more active and well-informed Federationist. Include information about your length of time as an NFB member, whether that has been in SC or other states. In preparing your personal letter, consider how you can most effectively convey your best qualities. Remember, your statement represents you, so include your reasons for applying for the grant, and why it is important to you to attend your first in-person state convention.

2. One letter of recommendation, from a chapter or division president of the National Federation of the Blind of SC, explaining why they think you are worthy to receive a grant this year, how long they have known you, and what your status is as a chapter member (e.g. longtime member who is active, new member, etc.). It is helpful to take a few minutes to talk with that member about yourself, in case they are not familiar with you yet. The more specific and personal the recommendation, the better it represents you. If you need the name of an NFB of SC president in your area, Contact David Houck at (803) 254-3777 or email him at

*nfbsc@sc.rr.com*

To apply for a Palmetto Convention Grant, complete this application; it is strongly preferred that the form be completed electronically. This is because the committee members are all blind and reading handwriting is difficult at best. Then email the completed application and attachments to:

Coffeequeensc1@sc.rr.com.

If any portion of the application is received after the deadline, 11:59 p.m. July 15, 2023, it will be automatically disqualified.

Thank you for your interest in the Palmetto Convention Grant program.