# Important: 2025 Convention Information

Greetings,

It’s that time of the year to learn about and prepare for our annual state convention. The National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey State Convention is the largest gathering of blind people in the state. It is the premier event for training, support, and information for the blind community. It also serves as a governing body, democratically electing our leadership and establishing each year’s organizational policies and priorities.

For your convenience and reference, I have gathered our convention information as of this writing. For easy navigation I have used headers and attached a word file. Included in this email are the following:

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To view our convention webpage, use the link below:

[State Convention | National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey](https://www.nfbnj.org/state-convention)

Warmly,  
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NFBNJ Calendar:  [Events Calendar | National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey](https://nfbnj.org/events-calendar)*Facebook:*[*https://m.facebook.com/NFB-NJ-353099574776238*](https://m.facebook.com/NFB-NJ-353099574776238)  
  
To Set up a 30-minute meeting about the National Federation of the Blind of Nj please click on the link below

<https://calendly.com/lindamelendez220/30min>

## Convention Location, Dates and Theme:

The 49th Annual State Convention of the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey will be held at:  
APA Hotel Woodbridge, formerly known as the Hilton  
120 Wood Avenue South  
Iselin, NJ 08830

The hotel is accessible by NJ Transit Access Link and close to the NJT Metro Park Rail Station.

## Access Link

The hotel is Access Link accessible. However, please keep in mind Access Link destinations are in effect. Please check with them to see if your location has service. Many counties have limited Saturday availability and no Sunday service, which means Access Link, through the reservation option is not available. In most cases the AL Ricers Choice program will work, however, they only cover $30 of the cost.

## National Rep

We are proud to announce that John Pare, Executive Director of Advocacy & Policy at the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, will be serving as the national rep for this year's convention. He will be working with the affiliate to strengthen our Congressional platform (Federal) and assisting us in establishing a State Legislation platform to pass blindness​-related bills​ and share with elected representatives about us!

[Click here to read his bio.](https://www.nfbnj.org/state-convention#meet-national-rep)

## Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration will open later this week. Be on the lookout for this email with details and link. To better help you, I have included ​the daily convention outline and an opportunity to review meal options before completing the form.

## Hotel Reservations

The APA Hotel Woodbridge is now accepting room reservations for the State Convention. To make your reservation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, dial (732) 494-6200 and use the group name of National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey. The best time to call is during regular business hours, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The 2025 room rate is $119 a night for up to four occupants in a room per night. Hotel room rates are subject to 6.625% New Jersey State tax, 5.0% Occupancy tax and 3.0% Municipal tax. All taxes are subject to change without prior notice and will be in effect at the time of check-out. For those who consider arriving early, there is a limited number of available guest rooms as another group will be occupying most of the hotel on Wednesday, October 22. The Hotel will be releasing our block of rooms on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 5 PM so make your reservation quickly. You will need a credit card to secure your reservation; There will be no charge to your card until you arrive at the hotel. In addition, there are a limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms and if needed, make it known when you are making your room reservation.

## Agenda Details

The agenda will be finalized, distributed, and posted on the state website in mid to late September. Yes, the agenda will be available on NFB-NEWSLINE® too!

## Convention Daily Outline

To view the convention daily outline please click on the link below;

[2025 NFB of NJ Convention Outline | National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey](https://www.nfbnj.org/state-convention/daily-outline)

## Meal Options

Please consider reviewing all meal options before filling out your pre-registration form by clicking on the link below.

<https://nfbnj.org/state-convention/meal-options>

## Convention Dates to Keep in Mind

October 7 7 PM Affiliate Convention Meeting

October 23, 24, 25 & 26 NJFBNJ Convention