National Federation of the Blind of Ohio 2021 state convention Assistance Form

The National Federation of the Blind 2021 convention will take place November 05 through November 7 in Columbus Ohio. because affiliate resources are limited, those chosen to receive help will receive partial assistance only. Please complete this form, and submit the letters requested on or before October 1, 2021. Requests received after that date will not be considered. If you have questions about the form or the process, contact me by Email at rchpay7@gmail.com or call (937)829-3368, for information or help. NOTE: For anyone receiving convention assistance, you will be expected to volunteer and attend all general sessions along with other meetings and workshops. Those seeking assistance to attend their first state convention will be given high consideration.

If you request cash assistance, you will have to sign an expense reimbursement form, which you can get from the president. Without a signed blank form that we can fill out with the amount of cash granted, we cannot advance any funds

Whatever assistance you are requesting, please attach a letter explaining why you wish to attend the convention and what you hope to accomplish as a result. If we should know about extenuating circumstances before deciding about your application, please explain them briefly. We want you to pay attention to the next line. No one applies for assistance without financial need, so this request is for information about extraordinary needs only.

The board of directors set aside limited funds for convention assistance, and when the funds are gone no more will be available so get your request in early.

I also wish to note that last year we received letters that described work that you may have done that should be able to be confirmed by your chapter president or another leader of the affiliate. While work on the local level is great, we expect our members to be working on the local, state, and national levels.

Please speak to your chapter or division president and ask him or her to send me a letter of support for your application. When they send this information, I need to know what assistance you will be getting from your chapter. This information will way very heavy on your application, so chapter president’s do your best to assist our members. If you are not yet a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, please call me for an interview by phone.

Please submit all materials by Email.

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: Email

Number of adults: Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival Date of departure

Are you requesting cash assistance for convention expenses?

Are you requesting assistance with your hotel room? if the answer is No, skip the following section.

Have you made a room reservation?

If you are a single adult, are you able to share a room with one to three people?

Note: hotel assistance will be for half of a double. If you find more roommates, your cash will go further.

Should a roommate know about any habits or health problems? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No if yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting transportation assistance?

Are you planning to drive to the convention?

If so, how much assistance are you requesting? $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (We reimburse at 48 cents a mile.)

If you have already made transportation arrangements, please explain them.

Miscellaneous Expenses

The banquet will cost about $45.00 if you preregister. Are you requesting assistance with this important fee? (Please note that this year preregistration is available online and is free. We urge everyone to preregister.

Please return this information by email to [rchpay7@gmail.com](mailto:rchpay7@gmail.com)

Richard Payne, President National Federation of the Blind of Ohio

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.