**National Federation of the Blind of Ohio 2017 Convention Assistance Form**

The National Federation of the Blind convention will be held July 10-15 at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando Florida.

Due to limited affiliate resources, we are only able to offer partial assistance to those who qualify.

Assistance requests must be submitted to President Richard Payne before May 29, 2017. Any application forms received after that date will not be considered. If you have any questions about the form or the process, contact Richard by email at rchpay7@gmail.com or call (937)396-5573.

NOTE: For anyone receiving convention assistance, you will be expected to attend all general sessions, meetings and workshops. There will also be various volunteer positions available that you will be expected to get involved in.

**How to apply for Convention Assistance:**

1. Submit a personal request letter. Please tell us why you wish to attend the convention and what you hope to accomplish as a result. Since financial need is the basis for this request, briefly describe the extenuating circumstances that are preventing you from attending convention. This is a major consideration in the decision making process.
2. Contact your chapter or division president, and ask him/her to send a letter of support for your application directly to President Richard Payne. This letter must also state what assistance, if any, you will be receiving from that chapter or division. NOTE: If you are not yet a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio, please call President Payne for an interview by phone at (937)396-5573.
3. Describe in detail how you have been involved in state fundraising.
4. What part do you take in keeping your local chapter engaged in the national federation of the Blind?
5. What arrangements have you made to assist in getting you to the national convention?
6. How long have you been a member of this affiliate?
7. Complete the convention assistance form below.

**NFB 2017 CONVENTION ASSISTANCE FORM**

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Number of adults planning to attend:

Number of children planning to attend:

Date of arrival:

Date of departure:

WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE DO YOU NEED?

1. Hotel Room: Yes or No. If No, skip this section.

 This applies to a single adult, are you willing to share a room with one to three other adults? Yes or No. If Yes, are there any habits or health problems that your roommate should know about? Please explain. Do you have a guide dog? Yes or No.

Have you made a room reservation? Yes or No? If Yes, what name is the reservation listed under?

1. Food stipend: Yes or No.

Food allowance is $40 a day per adult and $20 a day per child.

1. Transportation: Yes or No.

If you are driving, NFBO will reimburse 48 cents per mile. What is the mileage from your home to the location of the convention?

If you have already made transportation arrangements, please explain what they entail.

1. Convention Fees: Yes or No.

registration is now available online at nfb.org and by mail. We urge everyone to save money by pre-registering.

If you are requesting cash assistance in advance, you will have to sign an expense reimbursement form, which you will receive from President Richard Payne. Without a signed blank form that we will fill out with the amount of cash granted, we cannot advance any funds to you.

Please return this completed form and your personal letter of request by email to rchpay7@gmail.com or mail to the following address. No faxes will be accepted.

NFB of Ohio

Po box 20544

Kettering, OH 45420

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.