National Federation of the Blind of Ohio 2022 State Convention Assistance Form

The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio 2022 Convention will take place November 4th through November 6th at the Doubletree by Hilton in Independence 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 15, 2022. Requests received after that date may 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.

by receiving Convention assistance from the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio to attend the Convention; you agree to abide by the Convention hotels and the National Federation of the Blind as related to Covid-19 safety regulations and the code of conduct.

Those seeking Convention Assistance to attend their first National Convention should complete the application by noting it on the form. Consult with your Chapter or Division President about this process.

Moreover, 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.

Please pay attention to the next line. No one applies for Convention 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 Ohio Affiliate. While work on the local level is great, we expect our members to be working on the local, state, and national levels as well.

Please speak to your Chapter or Division President and ask them 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 weigh heavily 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. You may call me at 937/829/3368.

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 $50.00 if you preregister. Are you requesting assistance with this important fee?:

We urge everyone to preregister.

Please return this information by email to 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.