Dear Colleague,

The National Federation of the Blind’s Employment Committee would like to invite you to submit a proposal to speak at our 2020 Job Seeker’s Seminar! This year’s seminar will occur during National Convention in Houston Texas on Tuesday July 14 from 1-5 p.m. Although you will not be paid for presenting, doing so will afford you the opportunity to share your insights, advance the knowledge base of well over 100 job seekers, and add a national presentation to your resume or CV.

Your presentation should cover a topic that is of interest to people at the intersection of blindness and employment. Be mindful that your audience will include blind jobseekers, national employers, and professionals in the blindness field. These people will represent various ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, geographic regions, races and ethnicities, religious backgrounds, disabilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and so much more. Your presentation should be as unique, diverse, and dynamic as your audience. We are accepting proposals for 5 to 10-minute presentations and 30 minute or more breakout sessions.

Here are a few potential topics, but feel free to submit proposals on any topic you find relevant:

* Interviewing Skills
* Writing Resumes/CVs, Cover Letters, etc.
* Dressing for Success
* Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace
* Negotiating Salary
* Local, State, and/or National Employment Programs/Initiatives (Schedule A, Ticket to Work, Employment Immersion Programs, etc.)
* Ableism and Microaggressions
* SSI, SSDI, and Income Tax
* How Blindness Skills Enhance Employability
* Organizing/Labeling Your Office
* Requesting Reasonable Accommodations
* Internships and Other Experience Opportunities

To submit your proposal, complete the attached Word document in its entirety and e-mail it to Bobbi Pompey at [bobbipompey@gmail.com](mailto:bobbipompey@gmail.com). She can also be reached at this e-mail address or (336) 988-6375 with any questions. The deadline for submissions is May 1st; you will be notified of your proposal’s acceptance by May 15th; and you will need to commit to presenting by May 31st. If you do not want to present but would like to suggest someone else, please pass the attached form on to them and let Bobbi know.

We Look forward to hearing and learning from you all!

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Job Seeker Seminar Proposal Submission Form

**Presenter’s Information**

Name:

Gender Pronoun(s):

State Affiliate and/or other NFB Affiliations and Positions:

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Relevant Work or Educational Experience:

***\*\*\*If other people will be presenting with you, or a member of your panel please include the above information for them as well\*\*\****

**Presentation Information**

Presentation Title/Topic:

Presentation Format (Presentation or Breakout Session):

Please provide a thorough description of your presentation. Include what you want audience members to learn from your presentation? What information you will cover? How do you plan on teaching this topic? Why is this topic important? Will you be providing handouts for participants?