**National Federation of the Blind of Iowa**

**2018 Washington Seminar Application for Financial Assistance**

**Please read the directions carefully.**

The National Federation of the Blind of Iowa is pleased to offer financial assistance to help offset the cost of attending the 2018 Washington Seminar. Applicants will be responsible for paying costs of transportation, hotel lodging, meals, etc. and would be reimbursed if selected to receive financial assistance.

**How to apply:**

1. Complete the application on page two of this document in its entirety.
2. Applications should be emailed to President Jerad Nylin at jerad.nfbi@gmail.com.
3. Your application must be submitted no later than **Friday** **December 15, 2017**.
4. President Nylin will schedule a phone interview with each applicant after their application is submitted and received.

**When will I know if I get assistance?**

Applicants will be notified on or before December 20, 2017 if selected.

**When will I receive the funds?**

Those selected to receive financial assistance will be given a check in the amount of $300 at the conclusion of the 2018 Seminar, unless other arrangements are made with President Nylin in advance.

If you have any questions contact President Jerad Nylin at jerad.nfbi@gmail.com or by phone at (319) 535-3723

**Application for Financial Assistance**

**Personal Information:**

1. Full Name:
2. Home Address:
3. City, State, Zip:
4. Cell Phone:
5. Preferred Email Address:
6. Twitter Handle (Optional):
7. Are you registered to vote? (Yes or No)
8. What is your home congressional district?
9. What is the name of your district’s congressman?
10. Are you a student? (Yes or No)
11. If so, what year are you in school?
12. What is your major?
13. College/University Name:
14. College/University Address:
15. College/University City, State, Zip:
16. Congressional district your college/university is in:
17. Name of the congressman in your college/university district:
18. Name the two Iowa Senators:
19. Are you willing to have one or more roommates?  (Yes or No)
20. Is this your first Washington Seminar? (Yes or No, if no how many years have you attended?)
21. Are you a member of an NFB of Iowa Chapter? If yes list the chapter:
22. Describe how you participate in the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa on the state and chapter level:
23. What legislative experiences can you bring to the team?
24. In a few sentences please tell me what you hope to gain by attending the 2018 Washington Seminar:
25. Are there any other circumstances I should take into consideration?

**Applicants agree to participate in all of the following events:**

1. Pre-seminar team call (mid-January).
2. Attend all days and Iowa congressional appointments of the 2018 Washington Seminar January 29, through January 31, leaving the hotel no earlier than 12:00 pm on Wednesday January 31st to allow time for morning congressional appointments.
3. Legislative meeting Monday, January 29, 2-4pm.
4. Great Gathering in - Monday, January 29, 5-7pm.
5. Students must attend the NABS (National Association of Blind Students) Winter Business Meeting.
6. Face-to-face meeting on Monday January 29th.
7. If there is a congressional reception, all must attend this event.

**Failure to meet all requirements is subject to financial assistance being withheld.**

By submitting an application, you agree to all the terms and conditions listed above. Send your application to President Nylin at jerad.nfbi@gmail.com.