

# Application for Free Library Service – Individual

All applications for service must be submitted with a certifying signature from a competent authority. Applications may be submitted by mail, by email, or on the internet at <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/blind-print-disabled>.

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All patron records are **confidential** for use by library personnel only. GS 125-18, GS 125-19.

**Please print or type.**

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterans:** Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading printed material.

Blindness

Physical Disability

Deaf/Blindness

Visual Impairment

Reading Disability

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

Moderate – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech

Profound – Cannot hear or understand speech

**NOTE:** Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

### **Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials**

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

Please see [www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services](http://www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services) for the full eligibility terminology.

### **Certifying Authority**

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

### **To be completed by Certifying Authority**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.*

**BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)** is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

**Service delivery for library materials (check all that apply)**

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. Please provide your email address for BARD registration.
  
- I have a personal mobile device and would like to access the free BARD Mobile application, but I would also like materials sent to my home by USPS. Please select the types of materials you want mailed to your home. (Check all that apply.)
  - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
  - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
  - Large Print
  
- I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS to my home. I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply.)
  - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
  - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
  - Large Print

**How did you learn about the NLS free library service? Check up to three:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify below)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            | _____  |

**Reading Preferences: Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery, USPS Free Matter for the Blind**

**Reading Preferences: Check A or B**

- A. Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request.
- B. I wish to have books selected for me in addition to my own requests.

**Note:** If you want books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check all the types of books or subjects you prefer.

**Age Range:**  Adult Titles  Young Adult Titles  Children's Titles, Grade: \_\_\_\_

**Check the types of books listed below which you prefer.**

**I prefer:**  Fiction  Non-fiction

Adventure  Aging / Retirement  Animal Stories  The Arts

Best Sellers  Biography  Black Literature  Technology / Computers

Classics  Cooking/Homemaking  Current Events  Disabilities

Family Stories  Fantasy  Folklore / Fairy Tales  General Fiction

Health / Medicine  Historical Fiction  History - U.S.  History - World

Humor  Marriage / Family  Mysteries  Nature

North Carolina  Occult / Horror  Plays  Poetry

Politics / Government  Psychology  Religious Inspiration  Religion (Scholarly)

Romance  Science  Science Fiction  Sea Stories

Short Stories  Sports  Spy Stories  Business

Travel  War Stories  Westerns

I do **not** wish to receive books that contain \*

strong language  violence  explicit descriptions of sex

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\*PLEASE NOTE: Some commercially produced books may include strong language, violence, or descriptions of sex without our knowledge.

Please indicate additional titles, authors, genres, or topics: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check this box if you wish to receive books in English

or

If you wish to receive books in other languages, list the languages below

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