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### **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.

### **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.*

# To be completed by parents and guardians of patrons who are minors (under 18 years old) ONLY

## Parental Acknowledgment for NLS Services and Devices

Required for new applicants and existing patrons who are minors (under 18 years old). Please choose one of the following options:

- As the parent/guardian of the applicant or patron, I acknowledge that my child will receive services and equipment and that my child will have access to the entire NLS catalog of reading material. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard-copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.
- My child does not have my permission to receive services from the Library of Congress. Please suspend their account and discontinue all braille and talking book services. I will return any materials that are currently on loan to my child, including digital talking book cartridges, hard-copy braille, players, and accessories.

## Parent or Guardian Acknowledgment

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

Relationship to Patron \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Patron Information

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

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of Government Property:** NLS program equipment, materials, and products, both online and physical, are federal property. Users shall acknowledge the purpose for which these items were intended and accept responsibility for accessing these items. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard-copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

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**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
  - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
- 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
  - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge / flash drive

(Note: The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

**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)

Other (specify below)

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**Reading Preferences (Optional): 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Category:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers/Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers/Nonfiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography         | <input type="checkbox"/> Classics            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening         | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction  | <input type="checkbox"/> History                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery           | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics            | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology/Self-Help   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance             | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction   | <input type="checkbox"/> War/Military        | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns               |

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

I do not wish to receive books that contain (check all that apply):

- Strong language                       Violence                       Explicit descriptions of sex

I am interested in receiving books in languages other than English (please list other languages): \_\_\_\_\_