



Please complete this application and mail to:  
Special Services  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.  
Charleston, WV 25305

## National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

For assistance, call 304.558.4061, 1.800.642.8674 or  
e-mail talkbks@wvlc.lib.wv.us. If you are not a West  
Virginia resident call 1.888.657.7323 to be connected  
with the library serving your area.

### Please Print or Type:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State) (ZIP)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code+Daytime) (Area Code+Evening)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
(00-00-0000) (M/F)

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code+Daytime)

Please check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading regular printed material.

See definitions under eligibility criteria. Check only one box.

Blindness  Physical handicap  Deaf-blindness  Visual handicap  Reading disability

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment?

If yes, indicate the degree of hearing loss.

Moderate — some difficulty hearing and understanding speech.

Profound — cannot hear or understand speech.

Note: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading materials are covered by the  
Confidential Nature of Certain Library Records, WV Code 10-1-22.

## Eligibility of Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons for Loan of Library Materials:

The following persons are eligible for the National Library Service: Residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad.

- Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- Other physically handicapped persons are eligible as follows:
  - (a) Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of regular printed material.
  - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use regular printed material because of physical limitations.
  - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent reading regular printed material in a conventional manner.

### Certifying authority:

- In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" includes doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or private welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.
- In the case of a reading disability from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

**To Be Completed by Certifying Authority:** (Definitions of certifying authority are listed above.)

I certify that the named applicant requesting library service is unable to read or use regular printed material for the reason indicated on this form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Print or Type:

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

Title/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State) (ZIP)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code+Daytime) (Area Code+Evening)

**Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers:**

**Veterans.** According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials.

**Institutions.** Institutions such as schools, residential care facilities, hospitals, and other establishments regularly attended by blind and/or physically handicapped individuals may borrow special format reading materials and playback equipment solely for the use of persons certified as eligible, who must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment provided by NLS.

**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 wish to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check the types of books or subjects you prefer. You may also write your reading interests in the space provided below:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Stories                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic Novels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals & Wildlife                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Health               | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Sellers–Fiction                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Sellers–Non Fiction                     | <input type="checkbox"/> History–U.S.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible  | <input type="checkbox"/> History–World        | <input type="checkbox"/> Science–Fiction        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaking           | <input type="checkbox"/> Science–Non Fiction    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Concern                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor                | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Help              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Economics                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational        | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Fiction:<br>grade level _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries–Cozy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Non-Fiction:<br>grade level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries–Hardboiled | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense Stories       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian–Fiction                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries–Medical    | <input type="checkbox"/> War–Fiction            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian–Romance                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries–Police     | <input type="checkbox"/> War–Non Fiction        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Affairs                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries–Suspense   | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature               | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Stories                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult–Fiction       | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult–Fiction    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult–Nonfiction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult–Nonfiction |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy           |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry               |   |

**Other Preferences:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you wish to receive books in English language only. If you wish to receive books in other languages, list the languages: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to receive books that contain, check all that apply:  
 Language                       Violence                       Sex

**Patron Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Books, Magazines, Materials, and Equipment Accessories:**

**Please check the box provided for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive.**

- Books recorded on digital cartridge.
- Books recorded on audio cassette.
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)—contact Special Services for requirements.
- Braille books.
- Braille Magazines.
- Magazines recorded on audiocassettes.

## **Accessories for playback equipment.**

- Amplifier—issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss—request a separate application.
- Headphones—issued solely for use where speakers are not permitted.
- Pillow Speaker—issued solely to readers confined to bed.
- Breath switch.
- Extension levers.
- Remote control unit—issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility—request a separate application.

## **Music materials.**

- Music instruction on digital cartridge.
- Music instruction on audiocassette.
- Music magazines in Braille.
- Music scores in Braille.
- Music scores in large print.

**Note: Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program.**

## **Special Services—books, magazines, newspapers & descriptive videos.**

- Large print books.
- Goldenseal—magazine of West Virginia traditional life.
- Wonderful West Virginia—magazine about the Mountain State.
- Newslines—newspaper service accessed through one's telephone.
- Descriptive videos.

## **Return of Equipment:**

Playback equipment and special attachments are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with recorded reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the West Virginia Library Commission.