**National Federation of the Blind DeafBlind Division**

 **Application to be a Mentor for the DeafBlind.**

**This application is for persons to provide one-on-one mentoring support at the National Federation of the Blind’s national convention; either before the convention begins or during the week. Mentees will be matched with a person who can best provide peer-to-peer support. Deadline to apply: April 21, 2020.**

**Name:**

**Home state:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Gender:**

**Age:**

**Affiliations: (Clubs, professional, advocacy)**

**When did you join the NFB and why?**

**What skills do you have to effectively communicate with the DeafBlind? Example: ASL, fingerspelling, Tactile American Sign Language, etc.**

**Why do you want to be a mentor?**

**Would you be available a day early for orientation at the convention?**

**Please provide the name and contact information for two references.**

**How do you identify yourself? Please choose one and type an X after your choice. ~~(Please check one)~~**

**Hearing/Sighted**

**Blind/Visually Impaired/Low vision**

**DeafBlind**

**Hard of hearing/blind**

**Hard of hearing/visually impaired**

**Deaf/low vision**

**How do you communicate? Place an X after all that apply. ~~Check all that apply.~~**

**Voice/Auditory**

**Sign language**

**Tactile sign language**

**Print on palm**

**Communication cards or board**

**Hearing aids/assistive listening devices**

**Haptics/Pro-Tactile/touch cues**

**Other: Please describe.**

**What accommodations do you use? Place an X after all that apply.**

**White cane**

**Service animal**

**TTY/Videophone/CapTel phone/Relay**

**DeafBlind communicator**

**Mobility devices such as wheelchair, scooter, walker, support cane**

**Assistive listening devices**

**Low vision equipment such as magnifiers, telescopes, closed circuit TV**

**Other - please explain.**

**In 2020 the NFB convention begins on Tuesday, July 14 and continues until Sunday, July 19.**

**What date will you be arriving?**

**What date will you be departing?**

**If you are arriving before the convention begins, would you mentor prior to the official convention starting?**

**Do you wish to mentor only before convention or through the whole week?**

**As a mentor you may be asked to: help with registering in the hotel, going through a meal line, obtaining information about accommodations.**

**Have you completed the NFB accommodations requests through the National office?**

**If not, you can email to make those arrangements @** **jerniganinstitute@nfb.org**

**To be a Mentor for persons who are deafblind, at the 2020 NFB convention, please send this application before April 21, 2020 to:**

**nfb.db.mentoring@gmail.com**

**NFB-DB Mentor Form December 2019**

**May 16, 2018**