



Application for Free Library Service for Individuals

Please complete this application and submit to Talking Book Services either electronically by email or fax, printed and mailed, or printed and hand-delivered to the address below.

Please print or type:

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Primary Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

Email Address _____

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

Name _____

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 Diagnosis: _____

Visual Impairment Diagnosis: _____

Physical Disability Diagnosis: _____

Reading Disability Diagnosis: _____

Deaf/Blindness (Must be able to read Braille)

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 Talking Book Services.

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 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 _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I certify that this applicant is eligible for TBS services.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: 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.

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

Large Print or Descriptive DVDs

Hard copy braille books and magazines

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

Note: TBS does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.

How did you learn about the TBS free library service? Select up to three:

Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency

School

Friend/Family

Consumer/Support Group

TV Ad

Other Ad (specify below)

Other (specify below)

Other Health Care Professional

Vocational Rehabilitation Center

Public Library

Event/Expo

Radio Ad

Internet/Social Media (specify below)

Reading Preferences (Optional): Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery/USPS.

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.

If you selected Option B and you wish to have 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:

Adventure

Bestsellers/Fiction

Bestsellers/Nonfiction

Biography

Classics

Cooking

Gardening

Historical Fiction

History

Mystery

Politics

Psychology/Self-Help

Religious Fiction

Romance

Science

Science Fiction

War/Military

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**): _____

Talking Book Services Contact Information:

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