



APPLICATION FOR TALKING BOOK PROGRAM SERVICES

Thank you for your interest in our library program. The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides a free library service for individuals with visual, physical, or reading disabilities, whether a temporary or lifelong need. We are here to support you in reading in the way that best suits your needs. TBP circulates books and magazines in large print, braille, and audio formats, which can be instantly downloaded to your personal device via NLS BARD or delivered to you by mail at no cost.

By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Please check if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the U.S.

(Public Law 89-522).

Name: _____ **Sex:** _____
First Middle Initial Last

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **TX** **Zip:** _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Primary Language: English Spanish Other (specify): _____

Information required for borrowing Library of Congress materials will be kept confidential. If applicant is a minor, please list the name and phone number of a parent or guardian.

Authorized Alternate Contact (s):

1. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell, home, or work phone

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell, home, or work phone

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

NOTE: The security of your Personal Information is important to us, however no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure. While we strive to use commercially acceptable means to protect your Personal Information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security. If you prefer you may submit applications via U.S. mail.

Please mail this completed application and agreement to: Talking Book Program, PO Box 12927, Austin TX 78711-2927 or email to tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR NLS SERVICES AND DEVICES, REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS OLD):

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, 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.

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

Relationship to patron: _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Please indicate all qualifying disabilities for the applicant. An "eligible person" is an individual who meets one or more of the following conditions:

- Blindness** An individual who is blind.
- Visual Disability** An individual who has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read standard print books.
- Physical Disability** 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.
- Reading Disability** An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
- Deaf and Blind** Hearing impairment is moderate or profound.

Applicant Signature: **X** _____

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 services.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is an online, 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 Mac or Windows computer or on iOS or Android mobile device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback features so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere. BARD Express allows you to play talking books on a Windows computer.

Service Delivery for Library Materials (Check All That Apply):

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) with Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and eBraille materials instantly using the free BARD Mobile app. Please provide your email for BARD registration.

Email: _____

- I have a personal mobile device and want to use the free BARD Mobile app, but also need materials sent to my home by USPS Free Matter for the Blind. Please select the materials you want mailed. (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
- Large print books
- Accessible games

- I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS Free Matter for the Blind to my home. I would like materials. (Check all that apply)

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NOTE: TBP does not provide textbooks. The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.

- I am interested in receiving a Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier. www.bep.gov/services/currency-accessibility/us-currency-reader-program

- I am interested in receiving magazines produced by TBP.

- Texas Monthly
- Texas Highways
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Other: _____

How Did You Learn about TBP? 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 (specify) _____ | |

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