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### Application for free library service- Individuals

Georgia Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled (GLS) is a cooperating library of the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

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**Please print or type:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: F \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate the primary disability** preventing you from reading standard printed material.  
Please check only one box.

- Blindness  Visual Impairment  Physical Impairment  Deaf-Blindness  
 Reading Disability

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment? If yes, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:  Profound  Moderate

**Veterans** receive preference in lending of materials and equipment in accordance with Public Law 89-522. Please check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

**Eligibility of blind and other disabled persons for loan of library materials**

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad.

1. Those people 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.
2. Those with physical disabilities are eligible as follows:
  - a. Persons whose visual impairment, 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:**

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

**To Be Completed by Certifying Authority:** 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.

**Please print or type:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Books, magazines, materials and Equipment:**

Would you like to receive updates on GLS services, including the quarterly GLS newsletter HourGLASS? Please tell us the best method of keeping you informed.

U. S. Postal Service  E-mail

A GLS Reader Advisor will call you to completely process your application and allow you to indicate interest in equipment (i.e. headphones, pillow speakers, magazines, Braille material or music instruction material.)

Are you interested in information about:

- Bookshare (read free accessible ebooks on your computer or tablet)
- PINES library card (large print books and audio described DVDs and Blu-rays)
- NFB-NEWSLINE (audio news accessed through an app or your telephone) Georgia Radio Reading Service, GaRRS (audio news and books accessed through a free special radio, your phone, or an app)

### **Reading Preferences:**

Please select one of the options below:

- Send only the specific titles I request. Do not select books for me.
- I wish to have books selected for me.

If you choose the 2<sup>nd</sup> option a Reader Advisor call will also allow you to select genre and reading interest preferences. To start, please provide 2 or 3 authors and/or titles that you like:

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Other preferences:

I wish to receive books in the following languages: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to receive books that contain:  Strong language  Violence

Explicit descriptions of sex

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<p><b>FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND</b></p>
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**How did you learn about this service? (Check up to three)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/> TV ad
<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Other ad, specify here
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group	

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