

Bookshare.org Membership Application Written Proof of Disability Form



Please fill out this form completely and return it to Bookshare.org with an original signature from the Certifying Professional (instructions below).

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Instructions

Step 1: Fill out the identifying information about yourself [or the student you represent](#). [Submit one of these documents for each student listed on the "Proof of Disability Form for Multiple Organizational Accounts"](#).

Step 2: Proof of Disability

Have the Proof of Disability section filled in and signed by a qualified professional in the field of disabilities services, education, medicine or psychology. This professional must be a recognized expert who attests to the physical basis of the visual, perceptual, or other physical disability that limits the applicant's use of standard print.

Appropriate certifying experts may differ for different disabilities. In the case of blindness and visual impairments, an appropriate certifier may be a physician, ophthalmologist, or optometrist; in the case of a perceptual disability, a neurologist, learning disability specialist (a teacher with this type of certification is an example), or psychologist with a background in disabilities may be the most qualified certifying professional. A social worker with direct knowledge of your circumstances or a federal or state agency that maintains registries of qualified people with disabilities for benefits purposes may provide certification. If you are a college or university student, your school's Disability Student Services staff may provide certification.

Step 3: Please mail or fax this completed form including the original signature to:

Bookshare.org Registration -- OR -- fax: +1 (650) 475-1066
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Email with questions: support@bookshare.org

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Step 1 – Identifying Information

To be filled out by the Applicant (All fields are required. Please type or print.)

Name:

Address:

City: State / Province / Region:

ZIP / Postal Code: Country:

Email Address:

Date of Birth (if under 18):

School or Group Account Name (if applicable):

Please indicate the disability that prevents you from effectively reading standard print by placing an "x" next to the one that applies:

- Visual impairment, including blindness
 Learning disability
 Other physical disability

Step 2 – Proof of Disability

To be filled out by Certifying Professional: (please type or print)

I attest, under penalty of perjury, to the physical basis of the visual, perceptual or other physical disability limiting the applicant's ability to effectively use standard print, and that I have the professional qualifications to make such a certification.

Name of Certifying Professional:

Title:

Organization:

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