

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

## PURPOSE

To provide low-interest loans to assist blind persons with the purchase of assistive technology including; computers, screen-reading hardware and software, electronic notetakers, Braille embossers, refreshable Braille devices, and speech synthesizers. The loans are from one to four-year periods, under \$3,000 with an interest rate of 3%.

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## FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- Must have sufficient income to repay the loan.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Persons who are legally blind, of any age, or
- beginning to work with low vision (borderline vision impairment).

## AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Information & Referral
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Advocacy/Other (Low Interest Loans)

## AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Vision Impaired



Computers & Related

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact by phone, letter or e-mail and request service(s) and/or the low-interest loan program application.
- Complete telephone interview for low-interest loan.
- Complete application including goals and uses of computer-based devices by individual.
- Award of loan determined by National Office of NFB with Oklahoma affiliate input.

## PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

- Membership to NFB of Oklahoma is \$1 per year for an individual/family membership.
- Membership is not a requirement to receive a loan.