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Memo To: Executive Officers, Board Members, Chapter & Division Presidents & Others

From: Marty R. McKenzie, President

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Dear Federation Family,

It is Easter 2024 and Christians around the world celebrate this day as the culmination of the plan of salvation for believers. Happy Easter to all who celebrate this special day in the church calendar.

Today is the final day to complete applications for National Federation of the Blind Scholarships for college students and we are proud that there are so many worthy candidates from South Carolina. Three candidates had an interview with me and their letters will be written and uploaded into the portal this week. There are at least two additional candidates who completed their applications but have not reached out for an interview. A recommendation letter from the state president is required. It is not too late as these letters must be uploaded by April 15, 2024. We wish these students luck as the deliberation process begins by the Scholarship Committee.

The next Presidential Release will take place on April 3, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. The meeting ID is 961 2348 7809 or you can refer to the e-mail sent to the listserv for other ways to access this webinar.

Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship applications are now available at <https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention/kenneth-jernigan-convention-scholarship>. These applications are for first-time convention attendees. There are specific requirements first-timers are expected to meet. Additionally, you will need a recommendation from your state president. Please reach out to me to schedule a time for a brief interview before I write your letters of recommendation. All Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship materials are due by April 15, 2024.

Registration for the National Convention is now open. The event will take place July 3-8 in Orlando, Florida. The registration cost is \$25 and banquet tickets are \$75. You can

go to <https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention> to locate additional information about the National Convention as it becomes available.

From Lori Anne Coley, President, Sports and Recreation Division

Our Sports And Rec fundraiser is extended to August, coinciding with the state convention. All purchased tickets remain valid. Purchase \$20 tickets for a chance to win big, including a \$750 and a \$250 giveaway. Contributions support our Sports Camp Week for the Blind at Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind in Upstate South Carolina. Led by the NFBSC Sports and Rec Division, our mission is inclusive sports. Purchase tickets via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.me/sportrecnfbsc> or Zelle at [srnfbsc21@yahoo.com](mailto:srnfbsc21@yahoo.com). Goal: sell 100+ tickets by August 17, 2024, with the drawing at the state convention. Spread the word! For more information, contact Lori Anne Coley at 803-316-9838.

#### NFB of SC Scholarship Announcement 2024

Let's do more in 24! We are springing into the 2024 NFB of SC Scholarship Program season. With the state convention being August 15 - 18, 2024, the deadline for scholarship applications is 11:59 p.m. June 20, 2024. The committee will meet about one month before the state convention to select the top three applicants and winners will be notified following the meeting. The updated scholarship application is now available at <https://nfbofsc.org/scholarship-program>. Please also remember that the scholarship program operates exclusively on donations. If you, your chapter, your division, your civic organization, church etc., would like to contribute a scholarship or donate to the Metro Fund, please contact me, Shannon Cook at [scholarships@nfbofsc.org](mailto:scholarships@nfbofsc.org) or 803-605-4250). Please help us get the word out about the program. If you or someone you know is in post-secondary education full time, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship! Thank you.

#### Things to Remember

- Kenneth Jernigan Scholarship Applications due by April 15, 2024
- National Convention room reservations due by May 31, 2024
- National Convention dates are July 3-8, 2024 at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Florida
- NFB of SC Scholarship applications are due by June 20, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

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