**Georgia Council of the Blind**

**Student Assistive Technology Grant**

**Guidelines and Application**

The Georgia Council of the Blind (GCB) has received a donation from Senator Kelly Loeffler, which we have voted to use to provide technology for visually impaired or legally blind primary school students. These funds are limited, and applications will be considered following the January 15, 2021 deadline. Once the fund has been used, the application cycle will be closed.

We will award iPads or chrome books to K-12 students who are visually impaired or legally blind. Applicants may be home schooled or attend public or private school. The equipment will be awarded to the student for life.

**Guidelines for Eligibility**

1. Visual Impairment or Legal blindness of applicant must be certified by an ophthalmologist or qualified professional in the field of blindness.
	1. Visually impaired refers to a child whose visual acuity falls within the range of 20/70 to 20/200 in the better eye after correction or who has a limitation in the field of vision that adversely impacts educational progress.
	2. Legal blindness is defined as visual acuity of less than 20/200 in the better eye with correction, or field restriction to 20 degrees or less in the better eye with correction.
2. Applicants must be legal residents of the State of Georgia or members of a GCB chapter.
3. Applying for a technology award is open to students in all types of K-12 education including public school, private school and home school.
4. The application and all supporting documents **must be typed and emailed to Cecily Laney Nipper at roses828@comcast.net**. Applications must be submitted no later than January 15, 2021.
5. The application and supporting documents must be sent as email attachments. The application must be accompanied by:

 (a) Certification of vision impairment or legal blindness of student;

(b) One letter of recommendation, which must be from a TVI or teacher acquainted with the student’s educational potential, ability to benefit from an iPad or Chrome Book and personal character;

(c) The student’s most recent report card or annual progress assessment report.

1. Applicants or TVIs may be contacted for further information by the Grant Committee.
2. Before the equipment is shipped to the student, each recipient will be expected to write a thank you letter to Senator Loeffler discussing how he or she will benefit from the iPad or chrome book. The letter should be emailed to Cecily Laney Nipper at roses828@comcast.net, who will forward it to Senator Loeffler.
3. Recipients may be contacted after the devices have been sent for information for an article to be published in the *GCB Digest*.
4. This application and all supporting documents must be sent as email attachments before January 15, 2021 to Cecily Laney Nipper at roses828@comcast.net.

All information provided by applicants will be kept confidential.

**Georgia Council of the Blind Student Technology Grant**

**Application Form**

**This form MUST be typed and emailed**.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s school E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TVI name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TVI email and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Technology Used In School/Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does the school provide any of the technology the student uses? If so, what is provided? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does the School Support Chrome Books or iPads? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a device, would the student prefer an iPad or a Chrome Book and why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Media student primarily uses: braille, large print or Etext \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from that of student): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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