



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Our 2026 GCB Conference and Convention theme is:

“Georgia Council of the Blind: 70 years starring in advocacy and support”.

Hotel Information

Hotel reservations will be at the Courtyard Marriott Atlanta Covington, 11500 Foxfield Way, Covington, Georgia 30014. The price per night is \$129.00 plus tax. This group rate is available October 8 through October 11. The official dates for the convention are October 8 through 10. The deadline to receive this group rate is September 12, 2026. Call 770-385-7800, to reserve your room and mention that you are with the Georgia Council of the Blind, or click the following link if you are viewing this online:

<https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1765314733578&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Should you have any difficulty with your hotel reservation, please contact Cecily Laney Nipper at 470-218-7885, and she can make your reservation directly with our hotel representative.

Registration Details

The registration fee for the GCB Conference and Convention this year is \$25.00. You can pay through PayPal or Stripe (which includes Apple Pa or Google Pay or credit/debit cardy), with a small service charge at: <https://georgiacounciloftheblind.org/convention>. You can also register online through the GCB Link app which is available in either the Apple App Store or the Android Google Play Store.

or send a check made out to Georgia Council of the Blind. Mailed to Treasurer, Marsha Farrow at P.O. Box 381, Trion, GA 30753. You may also pay \$25.00 in person at the registration desk the day of the Conference and Convention; however, the paper registration form and signed waiver or online form and waiver for any registration that includes meals must be filled out and turned in no later than September 23, 2026. The paper application follows this registration information.

Conference Sponsorships

If you wish to be a convention sponsor, include your donation to the Georgia Council of the Blind in your total amount on your registration form below. Your name will be listed in the conference program as a sponsor.

GCB Awards

On Saturday, state awards will be given out which include the following: Rhoda Walker/Ann Sims Award, Gerald Pye Community Service Award, Walter R. McDonald Award, and June Willis Guiding Eyes Award. To find out how to nominate someone, please see the most recent GCB Digest or contact awards chair, Judy Presley, at 706-400-2185 or via email at Judygpresley23@gmail.com.

Registration Form

Note: After you have made all your choices, total them up and put the total at the bottom of the form.
2026 GCB Conference and Convention Registration Form:

Your Name: _____
Address Line 1: _____
Address Line 2: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____

Select your Program Format:

Email _____

Large Print _____

Braille _____

Registration fee: \$25.00 _____

If you would like to attend virtually only, and receive the zoom link or telephone information to attend (by paying the registration fee of \$25), please indicate it here:

I wish to attend online only: Yes: _____ No: _____

Attending in person:

Thursday Evening, October 8, 2026:

Do you plan to attend the GCB AAVL (Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss) bingo and welcome reception with snacks (no charge) at 7:00 PM?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Friday, October 9, 2026:

Friday Breakfast Choices from Dunkin' Donuts:

Ten-count munchkins (donut holes), coffee, decaf or juice, bacon cheddar egg bites:

\$10 _____

Ten-count munchkins (donut holes), coffee, decaf or juice, egg white spinach egg bites:

\$10 _____

Friday Lunch Choices from Freddy's:

Double cheeseburger with bottled water, chips, and brownie:

\$15 _____

Veggie burger (black bean base) with bottled water, chips, and brownie:

\$15 _____

Grilled chicken club with bottled water, chips, and brownie:

\$15 _____

Friday Night Banquet Choices from Olive Garden:

Check here if you would prefer fruit instead of cake: _____

Meat lasagna, salad, breadsticks, slice of cake:

\$25 _____

Vegetarian fettuccine alfredo, salad, breadsticks, slice of cake:

\$25

Please note any allergies or dietary restrictions: _____

Saturday, October 10, 2026:

Saturday Breakfast Choices from Dunkin' Donuts:

Ten-count munchkins (donut holes), coffee, decaf or juice, bacon cheddar egg bites:

\$10 _____

Ten-count munchkins (donut holes), coffee, decaf or juice, egg white spinach egg bites:

\$10 _____

Saturday Lunch Choices from Chick-fil-A:

Chick-fil-A original chicken sandwich, waffle chips, chocolate chunk cookie, bottled water:

\$15 _____

Chick-fil-A 8-count nugget, waffle chips, chocolate chunk cookie, bottled water:

\$15

Southwest veggie wrap, waffle chips, chocolate chunk cookie, bottled water:

\$15

Sponsorship Donations:

I would like to become a sponsor of this year's Conference and Convention by donating to the Georgia Council of the Blind in the amount of:

Bronze sponsor: \$25 _____

Silver sponsor: \$50 _____

Gold sponsor: \$100 _____

Total amount for registration: \$ _____

If you need help registering, please contact:

Cecily Laney Nipper at 470-218-7885 or cecilynipper@gmail.com.

Waiver of Claims:

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age and of sound mind, hereby waive any and all claims, causes of action, demands, or assertions of any kind whatsoever, which I may have or obtain, now or in the future, against GCB and/or its subsidiaries, officers, directors, members, managers, insurers, affiliates, volunteers, and employees thereof, which may arise out of or in connection with any tours, activities, events, or occasions which are held in connection or in association with the GCB Conference and Convention at the Courtyard Atlanta Covington located in Covington, Georgia in October, 2026, including without limitation, any and all offsite activities and events of any kind, wherever located and whenever held.

This Waiver of Claims is made willingly, knowingly, and with the full intention that it be effective on and after the date written below, with respect to any claims, causes of action, demands, or assertions of any kind which may have previously occurred or which may in the future occur with respect to any of the foregoing.

Your signature below, accepting this Waiver of Claims, is required to participate in the convention.

Date: _____, 2026

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____