



# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

65 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

## APPLICATION FOR RULE 88 SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Instructions

This application is for American Sign Language interpreters who wish to be placed on a roster of interpreters to be published online by the Supreme Court of Ohio

Pursuant to Rule 88 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio and beginning on January 1, 2013, courts in Ohio must appoint a *Supreme Court Certified Sign Language Interpreter*. A Supreme Court Certified Sign Language Interpreter is a person that possesses a Special Legal: Certificate, has passed a background check, is eligible for employment in the United States, and has taken an oath to know, understand, and act accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct for Court Interpreters and Translators, as set forth in Appendix H of the Rules of Superintendence.

Rule 88 also allows for the appointment of other sign language interpreters for assignments in Ohio courts. The qualifications of other sign language interpreters are spelled out on Rule 88(E)(2) of these Rules.

In order for applicants to be listed on the roster, they should possess at least one of the following credentials:

- (A) "National Interpreter Certification"
- (B) "Certification of Interpretation" and "Certification of Transliteration"
- (C) "Comprehensive Skills Certificate" from RID;
- (D) "Level V Certification" from NAD;
- (E) "Level IV Certification" from NAD.

Candidates who seek to be listed must complete this application, submit a background check and a valid copy of their certification card. If the candidate is applying for "registered" status, the applicant must take and pass [the written exam](#) and complete 24 hours of court interpreter training.



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## APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTERED INTERPRETERS

Please complete the entire application. Do not leave any fields blank. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

### Applicant Information:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle preferred) Last Name First Name Middle Name

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Language Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYMENT (List no more than two or attach your resume)

Employer	Title/Duties	Start Date	End Date

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Do you have any other sign language interpreter certification from the ones listed in this application? Yes

No

If yes, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been credentialed or licensed as an interpreter in another state? Yes

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_ No

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Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation? Yes

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a legal right to live and work in the United States? Yes

No

**ROSTER INFORMATION:** The following info will be displayed on the roster

1) Which of the following is your preferred method of contact? (Check all that apply)

Home Phone       Work Phone       Cell Phone       Email

2) Which of the following is your preferred travel area? (Check all that apply)

Statewide     Southwest     Southeast     Northeast     Northwest     Central

3) What is your availability? This could include something like 8AM-6PM, any weekday, anytime, or any other time frame you wish to add.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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4) What telephonic number do you want listed on the roster? \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

**I certify that the answers I provided to the questions in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this application is not completed in its entirety, it may not be processed, and it will be returned to me at the address on the form. I also understand that a background check will be required prior to receiving reciprocity from the Supreme Court of Ohio.**

<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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