



# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

## **RECIPROCITY FOR REGISTERED COURT INTERPRETER**

Reciprocity of registered court interpreter is described in Superintendence Rule 81.01 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Court of Ohio. Candidates who wish to apply to receive reciprocity from the Supreme Court of Ohio must meet the following conditions:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years old;
- (2) Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States or have the legal right to remain and work in the United States;
- (3) Have not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude;
- (4) Is ineligible for certification as a Supreme Court certified foreign language interpreter due to the lack of an oral examination of the National Center for State Courts for that language;
- (5) Receive an overall score of eighty percent or better in the English language and grammar, court-related terms and usage, and professional conduct sections of the written examination of the National Center for State Courts. The examination shall be administered by the section in accordance with the standards described in the test administration manuals for the National Center for State Courts.
- (6) Complete twenty-four hours of court interpreter training. The training shall consist of six hours of legal terminology, six hours of court interpreter ethics, and twelve hours of modes of interpretation or other advance court interpreter training.
- (7) Complete an oral proficiency assessment in that foreign language and receive a score at the top of the scale demonstrating superior native fluency.

Additionally, in accordance with Superintendence Rule 85, a Supreme Court certified interpreter must complete and report at least 24 credit hours of continuing education offered or accredited by the Language Services Section for each two-year reporting period, including six credit hours of ethics.

Candidates who meet the above-mentioned conditions will be placed on the Supreme Court website statewide roster which will be made available for assignments to all courts in Ohio.

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

Language Services Section  
65 South Front Street, 6th Floor  
Columbus OH 43215-3431

## APPLICATION FOR COURT INTERPRETER RECIPROCITY

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

Language(s) of  
Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURT CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

If you are seeking reciprocity for court interpreter certification, please complete the following information below. Please indicate the credentials that you have obtained and provide the exam testing location, language, date the credential was received, and whether or not your credential remains current. Please attach copies of any credentials that support your application for reciprocity.

Certifying Body:	Date of Certification	Language	Expiration (if any)	Written Score	Oral Score
State Court Registration (List State)					
Other Accredited Entity					

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Have you ever taken a court interpreter examination in another state? If yes, State: _____, Year: _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been certified or licensed as an interpreter in another state? If yes, where? _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, explain:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation? If yes, explain:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a legal right to live and work in the United States?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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>