



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

65 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

COURT INTERPRETER CREDENTIALING Application for Written Examination

The Supreme Court of Ohio offers court interpreter credentialing in approximately sixty languages including American Sign Language. To see the languages included please visit the links below:

Becoming a Credentialed Court Interpreter

As a skillful court interpreter, you are instrumental in helping the court system carry out its mission of access to justice and equal protection. You will play a key role in helping the courts and legal professionals communicate with individuals who are limited English proficient, Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Obtaining your court interpreter credential will show that you are a competent professional and have proven language ability to clearly and accurately communicate in two languages.

As the need for credentialed interpreters continues to grow, you have the opportunity to be part of a select group of specially trained professionals who have merged their language skills and their ideals of public service in the rewarding career of court interpretation. To receive credentialing a candidate must satisfy each of the following requirements:

- Be at least eighteen years old
- Be a citizen, legal resident, or have the legal right to remain and work in the United States
- Have no conviction of any crime involving a felony
- Attend orientation training before the written exam
- Pass written examination with a score of 80% or better
- Attend post-written examination training course before the oral exam
- Pass oral examination and/or oral assessment depending of your language and test available, or
- Submit your current unexpired RID card (for Sign Language Interpreters)
- Sign oath to comply with Code of Ethics for Interpreters and Translators
- Agree to be listed on the roster to work directly with the courts

The LANGUAGE SERVICES PROGRAM is now accepting applications for the written exam. Please complete it and send it in. Once we receive it, we will schedule you for a mandatory Orientation Training. For more information call 614.387.9404 or visit:

<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/interpreterSvcs/certification/default.asp>

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WRITTEN EXAMINATION *for* COURT INTERPRETER CREDENTIALING

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

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

APPLICANT INFORMATION (type or print):

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.:

_____|_____|_____|_____
(Circle preferred) Last Name First Name Middle Name

Mailing Address: _____

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City State County Zip

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Driver's License No.: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Language(s) of Expertise: _____

EDUCATION

School	Name & Location (City, State, Country)	Primary Language of Instruction	Major or Subject Completed	Degrees Received or Number of Hrs.	Year
High School					
College or University (Undergraduate)					
College or University (Advanced)					
Interpreter Training					

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

Employer	Title	Start Date	End Date

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

The cost to take the written exam is \$125.00 nonrefundable fee. **After you submit your application, you will be sent a link to register and pay your fee for the exam.** The written exam is offered electronically. You will be able to schedule your test through the last day in June.

BY COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REGISTERED FOR THE ORIENTATION TRAINING. CHECK THE LANGUAGE SERVICES PROGRAM CALEDAR FOR SPECIFIC DATES.

Mail Application to: The Supreme Court of Ohio
Language Services Program
65 S. Front Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Have you ever taken a court interpreter written 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 the oral examination.

Applicant Signature	Date
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