

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. To see the languages included please visit the links below:

For certified languages: <a href="https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/services-to-courts/language-services/certification-program/">https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/services-to-courts/language-services/certification-program/</a>

For non-certified or registered languages: <a href="https://www.altalang.com/language-testing/speakinglisten/">https://www.altalang.com/language-testing/speakinglisten/</a>

As a credentialed 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.

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

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:

- $\square$  Be at least eighteen years old
- $\blacksquare$  Be a citizen, legal resident, or have the legal right to remain and work in the United States
- $\blacksquare$  Have no conviction of any crime involving a felony
- $\blacksquare$  Attend orientation training before the written exam
- $\square$  Pass written examination with a score of 80% or better
- $\blacksquare$  Attend post-written examination training course before the oral exam
- ☑ Pass oral examination and/or oral assessment depending on your language and test available
- $\square$  Sign oath to comply with Code of Ethics for Interpreters and Translators
- $\square$  Agree to be listed on the roster to work directly with the courts
- ☑ Join a professional association if you are a registered interpreter

The LANGAUGE SERVICES SECTION is now accepting applications for the written exam. Complete the application and submit it. Once it is received, you will be scheduled for a mandatory Orientation Training. For more information call 614.387.9404 or visit: <u>https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/services-to-courts/language-services/certification-program/</u>

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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.:		I	
(Circle preferred) Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Mailing Address:			
City	State	County	Zip
Home Phone: ( )	Cell Phone:	()	
Driver's License No.:			
E-Mail Address:	Date of Birt	h:	
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. Checks and money orders are the only acceptable forms of payment. After you submit your application and attend the mandatory Orientation Training, you will be scheduled for the exam.

Make payment out to: The Supreme Court of Ohio

Mail application to: The Supreme Court of Ohio Language Services Section 65 S. Front Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Have you ever taken a court interpreter written examination in another state?	Yes 🗌
If yes, State:, Year:	No 🗌
Have you ever been certified or licensed as an interpreter in another state?	Yes 🗌
If yes, where?	No 🗌
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	
If yes, explain:	Yes 🗌
	No 🗆
Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation? If yes, explain:	Yes 🗌
	No 🗆
Do you have a legal right to live and work in the United States?	Yes
	No 🗆

## 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