

TO: Region 9 Scholarship Applicant
FROM: The Scholarship Committee
RE: Applicant information

We are pleased you are interested in further training as an interpreter. It is our goal to contribute to the quality of interpretation by increasing the number of conference/workshop opportunities available to our members. We believe attending a conference/workshop is usually stimulating and "keeps the internal fires lit". **Scholarships are not just for students!** Any member can apply for this scholarship as long as they can express financial need.

Attached you will find the Region 9 Scholarship application. If you have any questions at all about the application, please feel free to contact me (see below).

Additional information:

Please send the application as a word document attachment via email, if for some reason you are unable to do so, please contact me directly for other options.

The scholarship committee has decided not to ask our applicants to send tax forms as part of their financial statement; so it is important that you be as candid as possible about your financial **NEED** for this scholarship. We do ask for some statement of income, however.

By accepting this scholarship, you are committing to: A) volunteer at the conference/workshop (there are many options available); B) submit an article for *Westwinds* (our regional newsletter) that explains what you gained from the experience.

Again, I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Sara Howlett

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NAI REGION 9

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION -- 2010 NAI National Workshop

Please answer the following questions & attach supporting documentation.

Email one copy of the completed application as an attached Word document with your last name and NAI Region 9 Scholarship as the Subject line to:

Sara Howlett: showlett@parks.ca.gov

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email: _____

FAX _____

Are you currently a NAI member? YES _____ NO _____

Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

(You must be a NAI member of Region 9 in good standing at the time you submit your scholarship application)

Application should include the following five elements:

(Please compose in a Microsoft Word Document if possible and include your name and contact information on the top of each page, in addition to the cover page above)

1. Tell us what you would like to gain from exposure to a professional conference/workshop (no more than 2 pages).
2. Attach a letter (or letters) of reference addressing:
 - a. what you could gain from exposure to a professional conference/workshop;
 - b. what NAI activities you have participated in and/or helped coordinate, within the past five years; &
 - c. knowledge of your skills in & commitment to the field of interpretation.
3. Attach information about any education you have (e.g., a copy of your course work & proof of your major/minor, if you are a student) relating to the field of natural or cultural interpretation/education.
4. Attach a document (and/or letter of reference) addressing your experience (paid & volunteer) in interpretation (including dates & location).
5. Write a paragraph explaining your financial **NEED** for this scholarship. You are not required to send tax returns, but include some statement of income. Be clear, concise, and compelling (entertaining is always nice!). No more than 100 words.

For further details, questions, or clarification contact:

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APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY

Wednesday- September 15, 2010.

NOTE: sending files by email will enhance the process but is not necessary.

(Individuals are limited to one scholarship per year)