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Scholarships Now Available for Registered Interpreters!

The AOC is a recent recipient of federal Byrne grant (due to the American Recovery Act) to offset the costs of the oral exams for registered interpreters. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2010. Information on the application process is posted on AOC web page at: <http://www.tncourts.gov/geninfo/Programs/Interpreters/interpreters.htm>

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Newly Credentialed Interpreters



The Tennessee Court Interpreter Program is pleased to announce our newly credentialed interpreters as of October 2009:

Registered Spanish Interpreters: Carmen Colon, Mavie Figueres, and Josue Grajeda.

Congratulations to all!

Scholarships Available for Credentialing Process

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has received a one-time grant for scholarships for those interested in becoming credentialed court interpreters. This funding is made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Initially, the funds were for those commencing the interpreter process. However, we are now opening these scholarships up to those that have reached the registered status and are taking the oral exams to become certified.

These scholarships are to assist in offsetting the costs of the court interpreter credentialing process. Interpreters that have reached the registered status are encouraged to apply for scholarships to assist with the costs of the oral exams that must be passed to become certified interpreters. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2010. To read more about the scholarship and to download an application, please go to our web page at:

<http://www.tncourts.gov/geninfo/Programs/Interpreters/Interpreters.htm>. The scholarship notice and application links are at the top of this page, right in the middle.

Please note that since you have already reached the registered status, you do not need to provide a copy of the results of the OPI's with your application. Please also note that if you have already registered for the March 2010 Spanish oral exams you can still apply for the scholarship - you will be reimbursed the cost of the oral exam that you have already paid after you take the exams.



Upcoming Written Exam, Spanish Oral Exam and LOS Oral Exam

Registration forms are available on the AOC website at www.tncourts.gov.



The February written exam registration deadline is February 5, 2010. The Mach Spanish oral exam registration deadline is February 19, 2010 and the April LOS oral exam registration deadline is March 5, 2010.

To register, please follow the steps listed below:

- 1) Select Programs and Services
- 2) Click on Court Interpreters
- 3) Scroll down and select the exam and date under Registration Forms and Information
- 4) Submit registration form

Please note that the deadlines are coming up quickly for the registrations!

Resources for Interpreters

Resources can be found on the National Consortium for State Court Interpreters' webpage at:

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Research/CIEventsWorkshops.html

Check for updates periodically.

In addition, the AOC has posted several continuing education and links to various resources on the interpreter page of its website.

AOC Update

The AOC is hoping to be able to produce an intensive skills training for those taking the oral exams. Watch your email and check the interpreter page of the AOC website for more information or please contact Mary Rose Zingale, Court Services Director:

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