

# NMRID Scholarship Award Program

## Professional Development Scholarship

The New Mexico Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf has established a Scholarship Awards Committee with a board selected chair. The Committee's tasks are to determine application criteria, advertise opportunities, solicit applications, make award determinations, disperse awards, and monitor the service exchange, as agreed upon.

Application submission should be received no later than **May 1**. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of attendance and completion, such as the outline of the curriculum, CEU sheet, or Certificate of Completion.

This is a \$450 annual scholarship geared toward members who want to pursue training or mentoring in or outside of the state. Recipients will meet with the treasurer who will pay the stipend to the appropriate program. It does not pay for conference fees. It can pay for the following if deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee and board:

- Legal Interpreter Training Program
- Leadership and Supervision Certificate Program
- Mental Health Interpreter Training
- NIC preparation Trainings
- Independent Study Modules
- Webinars
- Mentoring Programs
- Hybrid or Electronic Virtual Trainings
- Immersion Programs for Hearing Interpreters
- Trilingual Interpreter Trainings
- Deaf Interpreter Trainings

### Who May Apply and How:

- Applicants must be a NMRID member in good standing for **the current year**, including up-to-date membership with National RID and must submit:
  - A copy of your current NMRID membership card
  - A copy of your current RID membership card
- Submit a one-page letter to the scholarship committee chair at [nmridscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nmridscholarship@gmail.com) that addresses the points listed below. Please put "Professional Development Scholarship" in the subject line and include your contact information (e.g., name, address, preferred phone number, and email address)
  - Past involvement with NMRID or RID or your journey thus far in achieving your degree and certification goals
  - What you hope to gain from participating in the professional development activity
  - Your personal interpreting goals.
- NMRID Board and Scholarship Committee members may not apply.

## Who are the Scholarship Committee members?

- Committee Chair: Cara Balestrieri
- Scholarship Board Members: Lesley Siegel and Dana Murrah

If there are any questions about eligibility for scholarship please contact the committee chair for clarification. Good luck!