

NMRID Scholarship Award Program

Interpreter Written Test 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 by **December 1**. Submissions will be opened and reviewed by the committee as received. Scholarships will come in the form of a reimbursement check to be awarded after the test is taken. Receiving an award to take the performance test does not preclude a member from applying for scholarship consideration for other workshops or conferences offered for the same calendar year.

For any written interpreting exam that will lead to licensure in New Mexico, there will be two scholarships awarded annually to candidates wishing to take a written exam for the first time or one award to retake the exam. The scholarship amount will cover 50% of the fee. This scholarship is open for currently certified or pre-certified licensed interpreters working in the state of New Mexico. Current ITP students are not eligible for this award.

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
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- Submit a one-page letter to the scholarship committee chair at nmridscholarship@gmail.com that addresses the points listed below. Please put "RID Written 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
 - Your personal interpreting goals
 - What work you have completed in order to prepare for the exam
 - Please disclose any other financial assistance you have or will receive upon taking the exam.
- Submit proof of payment and confirmation of an exam date.
- NMRID Board and Scholarship Committee members may not apply.
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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!