

# NTRID Scholarship Standards

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The purpose of the NTRID scholarships is threefold - to provide financial assistance, to encourage members to become certified, and to reward members for their success.

In order to award more scholarships to chapter members, NTRID will reimburse one half (rather than the entire) RID Member Rate for testing fees.

It is the goal of NTRID to encourage more interpreters to take the first step toward certification (i.e., the written test), and to support members who become certified in any RID category. Thus NTRID will award as many scholarships to qualifying applicants as the scholarship account allows. Preferential consideration will be given to first-time scholarship applicants and/or those pursuing their first RID certification.

During the year prior to applying for a scholarship, an applicant must have completed the following:

- ❑ Minimum of one (1) year membership in NTRID (this need not be a calendar year). Applicant must be a dues-paying member of NTRID at the time of scholarship application, RID testing, and scholarship award.  
Rationale: Scholarship applicant must demonstrate support of NTRID as a professional organization rather than join the chapter for the sole purpose of attaining a scholarship.
- ❑ Minimum of six (6) NTRID-sponsored meetings and/or mini-workshops.  
Rationale: Scholarship applicant must demonstrate support for NTRID activities, and the scholarship committee must be able to determine whether the applicant is committed to on-going professional development.
- ❑ Minimum of one (1) full-day RID-sponsored workshop of one (1) full-day workshop for which s/he can apply for CEUs from RID.  
Rationale: Member must demonstrate willingness to attend workshops, since such will be mandatory upon certification, and member must show a commitment to professional development.

**If an applicant is unable to meet any of the above criteria, in order to be considered for a scholarship s/he must submit with the application a list of her/his activities with NTRID and the Deaf community.** An applicant who meets the above criteria may submit such a list but this is optional.

Rationale: In the event of a shortage of scholarship monies, the applicant who has demonstrated a stronger commitment to NTRID, has participated in more RID and NTRID events, and has been more involved in the Deaf community, will be given greater consideration as a scholarship recipient.

## SCHOLARSHIP REIMBURSEMENT

- RID testing fees must be paid by the NTRID scholarship applicant prior to testing. A copy of proof of payment must be attached to the scholarship application.
- NTRID will reimburse one half of the RID Member Rate for testing fees when the scholarship applicant passes test(s). This applies to **first-time** and **re-take** fees.
- Employer-paid testing fees will *not* be reimbursed.
- A scholarship may be awarded to an applicant who successfully completes the written test and/or performance test(s) *after* the applicant has passed the test(s) and presented an RID letter of confirmation to NTRID.
- The number of scholarships that can be distributed each year will be contingent upon the funds available in the scholarship account.

## **THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ◆ A committee will be appointed by the NTRID President on an as-needed basis and will consist of members who are not currently applying for scholarships.  
Rationale: If more scholarships are applied for at any one time than NTRID has monies to award, a committee will decide who among the applicants will receive scholarships.
- ◆ After the Committee has selected the scholarship recipient(s), the Committee's decisions will be presented at the next NTRID meeting for approval by the members.

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