



# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

65 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

## **APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**

### Instructions

Pursuant to Rule 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, the Language Services Program may maintain and distribute a roster of foreign language interpreters for whom the following apply:

- (A) The interpreter is ineligible for certification as a Supreme Court certified foreign language interpreter because no oral examination exists or has been developed by the National Center for State Courts Language Access Services Section;
- (B) The interpreter demonstrates to the program's satisfaction proficiency in the interpreter's target language and sufficient preparation to properly interpret case or court functions.

Interpreters in these languages will be registered with the Language Services Program and as such, they will be named Registered Foreign Language Interpreter. To qualify for this category and official roster of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least eighteen years old
- Be a citizen, legal resident, or have the legal right to remain and work in the U.S.
- Have no conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude
- Attend orientation training before the written exam
- Pass written examination with a score of **80% or better**
- Attend three courses: Ethics, Modes of Interpretation and Legal Terminology
- Complete an oral proficiency assessment and score at the top level
- Sign oath to comply with Code of Ethics for Interpreters and Translators; and
- Agree to be listed on the official roster.

To become a registered foreign language interpreter, please complete and return this application. The written exam will be administered throughout the year. Please check with the Language Services Program for specific dates. There is a \$125.00 non-refundable application fee which includes the written exam, oral assessment testing and the required training.

## APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTERED INTERPRETERS

Please complete the entire application. Do not leave any fields blank. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

### Applicant Information:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle preferred)      Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Name

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
   Street                                      City                                      State                      Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_                      Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_                      Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_                      State: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) of Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION FOR ORAL PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT:

Since the certified languages only cover a portion of the total languages used in Ohio courts, the Language Services Program under Rule 87 of the Rules of Superintendence may maintain and distribute a roster of foreign language interpreters who are ineligible for certification because no oral exam is available. Interpreters in this category are called **registered Interpreters**.

Registered interpreters are also required to demonstrate proficiency in the interpreter's target and source language as well as sufficient preparation to properly interpret in court. An oral proficiency assessment assists the program in making this determination.

To review a list of languages for oral assessment, please visit the following sites:

ALTA Language Services  
<https://www.altalang.com/language-testing/>

Here is a sample of languages that are available for assessment: Akan-Twi, Albanian, Amharic, Armenian, Bengali, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Ga, Georgian, German, Greek (Modern), Gujarati, Hausa, Hindi, Hungarian, Igbo, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Krio, Kurdish, Malay, Malayalam, Mandingo-Bambara, Nepali, Pashto, Persian-Farsi, Punjabi, Romanian, Sindhi, Sinhalese, Slovak, Swahili, Tamil, Tausug, Telugu, Thai, Tigrinya, Urdu, Uzbek, Wolof, Wu and Yoruba

**EMPLOYMENT (List no more than two or attach your resume)**

Employer	Title/Duties	Start Date	End Date

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Have you ever taken an oral interpreter assessment in another state? If yes, State: _____, Year: _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been credentialed or licensed as an interpreter in another state? If yes, where? _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, explain: _____ _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation? If yes, explain: _____ _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a legal right to live and work in the United States?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Certification**

**I certify that the answers I provided to the questions in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this application is not completed in its entirety, it may not be processed and it will be returned to me at the address on the form. I also understand that a background check will be required prior to receiving reciprocity from the Supreme Court of Ohio.**

Applicant Signature	Date