

# **NATI**

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## **NATI 2008 Conference Scholarship Application**

NATI will once again be offering a limited number of 50% scholarships to help students, volunteer interpreter/translators, staff of small non-profit organizations and others to attend our Annual Regional Conference. Preference will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship, but previous scholarship recipients can still apply. We are offering an extraordinary set of training sessions and seminars that will benefit working interpreters and translators as well as those who utilize our services.

Only a limited number of scholarships are available so we require that those requesting this financial assistance **send their completed application form including the brief essay, and one letter of recommendation to Erica Birky Ríos at [lpd1547@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:lpd1547@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov) by Tuesday, July 1** so that the announcement of scholarship recipients can be made by Tuesday, July 8. After Tuesday July 1, scholarships will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis if funding is still available. **Scholarship recipients must confirm their attendance with committee member, Erica Birky Ríos, by Monday, July 14, or their scholarship will be awarded to another applicant.**

The scholarship provides a 50% discount off the **Early Bird Member** rate for either one, two or three days of conference registration, and therefore requires NATI membership (\$25 for those not currently members) as part of the application process.

**Each scholarship recipient will be expected to participate fully in the conference** and to invest “sweat equity.” By this we mean that those who are awarded scholarships will work with the conference committee during the conference at the registration table, helping with set-up, directing attendees to sessions, assisting the presenters with distributing and collecting materials, handing out raffle tickets and conference materials, and other small tasks as needed.

We look forward to receiving your application for financial assistance. Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

### **Conference Scholarship Committee**

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## Application Deadline: July 1, 2008

(Scholarship requests received after that date will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis)

Scholarship recipients will be notified on approximately: **Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

**Confirm your attendance by Monday, July 14 or your scholarship may be transferred**

1. **Email your finished scholarship application by July 1 to [lpd1547@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:lpd1547@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov)**
2. **Answer this form completely, including question #6 below with an explanation of your financial need and why your agency has not funded your registration.**
3. **Include 1 letter of recommendation on why you would be a good scholarship recipient**
4. **Include in the subject line of your email: 2008 NATI Scholarship for *Your Name***

### **Your contact information:**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Languages in which you interpret/translate: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you paid your annual dues to become a member of NATI?  yes  no
2. Have you previously received a scholarship for a NATI conference?  yes ( \_\_\_\_\_ yr.)  no
3. Has your agency declined your request to pay for your registration? \_\_\_\_\_  
**If no, please request that your agency cover your registration prior to requesting a scholarship.**
4. Are you a working:  Translator  Interpreter  Both  Neither  
 Bilingual staff  Volunteer interpreter
5. Are you? (mark all that apply): Indicate name of institution:

A Freelance Interpreter/Translator: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
Government Agency Staff at: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
Non-profit Staff at: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
Community Volunteer at: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
High School / GED / ESL Student from: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
College / University Student at: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
Other employment at: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
Self-employed (Business name): \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time  Part-time   
What is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_

6. In a brief essay (no more than 3 paragraphs), tell the committee:
  - A. Why do you want to attend the conference? What do you expect to learn at the conference that will help you become a more qualified interpreter/translator?
  - B. Why do you need the financial assistance? **Please be specific about your current economic situation and why your agency has not funded your registration**
  - D. How do you plan to take this new knowledge back to your community and apply it to improving language access where you work or plan to work?
  - F. What else would you like NATI to know about you?
  - E. What kind of "sweat equity" would you like to do if you are awarded a scholarship?

7. **Name of person writing your recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_