

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE BASIC LANGUAGE WRITTEN EXAM

Enclosed is the registration information for the 2012 Basic Language Written Examination testing dates. Be advised that this is NOT the Oral Proficiency Exam for Certification. Please read all enclosed information carefully. All candidates are tested in English and foreign language proficiency to be eligible to continue working towards certification.

To be eligible to register for the Basic Written Examination, you must have a Personal Information Form for Arkansas Court Interpreters on file and have passed the state background check. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you do not have a form on file, visit our website at www.ArkansasCourtInterpreterInfo.com and choose the tab "Requirements for Court Interpreters", to view the necessary documents to begin your pursuit in becoming a Court Certified Interpreter. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call our office at (501) 682-9400 to request an information packet.

You must pre-register for the written exam by the deadline date. The exam fee is \$75.00, non-refundable. Checks must be made out to the Arkansas Supreme Court Foreign Language Interpreter Fund. You are permitted to test only once in a 12-month period. Pay careful attention to the deadlines for each testing date. You will receive a letter of confirmation from our office upon receipt of your Registration.

WRITTEN EXAM INFORMATION

The Basic Language Written Exam consists of three parts given in two different stages. You will first take **Part I** and **Part II** of the Written Exam and the **Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)**. **Part I: English Language Skills** which consists of 75 Multiple Choice questions covering Sentence Completion, Synonyms in Context, Synonyms, Antonyms and Idioms. **Part II: Ethics** consists of ten multiple-choice questions covering ethical situations encountered in the field of interpreting, based on the information provided in the Arkansas Code of Professional Responsibility for Interpreters in the Judiciary. The ACTFL **Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)** is a standardized procedure for the global assessment of functional speaking ability. This means that an OPI is a testing method which measures how well a person speaks a language by comparing their performance of specific language tasks, not with some other person's, but with the criteria for each of ten proficiency levels described in the ACTFL Revised Proficiency Guidelines-Speaking, revised by ACTFL in 1999. A combined score of 80% on Part I and Part II, and a Superior score on the OPI must be achieved to be eligible to attend the Court Interpreter Orientation. During the Orientation **Part III, Court Related Terminology and Usage** will be administered.

IDENTIFICATION

When you appear for the test, you will be asked to produce official, photo identification with the same name that appears on your registration form. Acceptable forms of identification include a VALID driver's license, an official state identification card for unlicensed drivers, or a current passport.

**ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES
WRITTEN EXAMINATION REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION FEE - \$75.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

Make checks payable to: AR Supreme Court Foreign Language Interpreter Fund
(Fee must accompany your registration form or your registration will not be accepted)

***** COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION *****

Including your EMAIL ADDRESS AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (Street Address, City, State and Zip Code).

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Full address)

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Language(s): _____

Select the one (1) date you would like to register to test for the exam from the list below. If you have already taken the exam, choose a date that is at least 12 months later than your previous testing date as you can only take the exam once in a 12 month period. Please be sure to note the deadline for registering as each date has a different deadline.

	DATE	LOCATION	DEADLINE
_____	January 19, 2013	Little Rock	January 4, 2013
_____	February 9, 2013	Springdale	January 21, 2013
_____	March 9, 2013	Little Rock	February 18, 2013
_____	April 13, 2013	Springdale	March 25, 2013
_____	May 18, 2013	Little Rock	April 29, 2013
_____	June 8, 2013	Springdale	May 20, 2013

*Registration begins at 9:30 am. The written exam will begin promptly at 10:00 am & conclude at 12:00 pm
The OPI times will be scheduled individually, on the same day, beginning at the conclusion of the written exam*

LOCATION INFORMATION:	
LITTLE ROCK -	Exams are given in Room 101 at the Justice Bldg, 625 Marshall St, Little Rock, AR 72201.
SPRINGDALE -	Exams are given at The Jones Center, 922 East Emma Ave, Springdale, AR 72764.

NOTE: You must have an approved Personal Information Form for Arkansas Court Interpreters & Background Check Form on file with our office prior to registering for the exam. Your registration will not be accepted without these forms. No Exceptions. The Requirements for Certification and Forms needed to Pursue Certification are available online to download at www.arkansascourtinterpreterinfo.com. Choose the tab "Requirements for Court Interpreters".

**** Read the Requirements for Certification BEFORE completing this Registration. ****

Please mail registrations to:

Attn: Jessica Bowen, Court Interpreter Services,
Administrative Office of the Courts
625 Marshall Street, Justice Bldg.
Little Rock, AR 72201