

Interpreter Training Program Scholarship Application

**College of Education
Troy University
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Program Overview

The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase the numbers of qualified interpreters working in the public education field. The program provides financial support for Troy students. Scholarships are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Awards will cover tuition & fees for all classes and textbooks for courses within the Interpreter Training Program major course of study. Funding is administered by the **Alabama Department of Education** and Troy University and is contingent on fund availability each year.

Eligibility

To participate in the Alabama scholarship program, applicants must:

- a. Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate Interpreter Training Program or completing the application process at Troy University.
- b. Demonstrate an obvious commitment to the profession and agree to work for the Alabama Department of Education or their contract providers for a three year period following the completion of their program.
- c. Agree to maintain ongoing contact with Troy University following program completion and certification to confirm compliance with the employment requirements.
- d. Meet any other criteria required by the Alabama Department of Education. Failure to meet requirements will result in loss of scholarship award.

One-Time Application Process

Applications are actively solicited on an annual basis. Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the program and wish to apply should:

- a. Obtain and complete a scholarship application form;
- b. Obtain a current transcript verifying a GPA of 2.75 and enrollment status at Troy University;
- c. Prepare a two page, typed, double-spaced document summarizing career goals and expectations in the field of interpreting as it relates to the Alabama Department of Education;
- d. Prepare a resume of academic, field, volunteer and/or employment experience that documents a personal and professional commitment to obtain the degree to which the scholarship pertains;
- e. Provide up to three letters of reference from faculty and/or individuals in the field for which you intend to work;
- f. Submit these materials as a packet. Please do not send these in separate emails or separate envelopes. Prepare the entire application and send it in one email or one envelope clearly indicating your name and ITP Scholarship Application to:

Interpreter Training Program Scholarship
Department of CRIT/ College of Education
Troy University
311 Hawkins Hall
Troy, Alabama 36082

Application deadline is April 30th prior to the Fall semester for which you hope to receive the scholarship.

Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Education for this purpose. Outcomes of review and recommendations regarding distribution of stipends are forwarded to the Dean for confirmation. Committee recommendations are based on assessment of information provided by student applicants, requirements of the specific scholarship, and availability of scholarship funds. Other review criteria or limitations may be added on an annual basis. This may include limiting scholarship to support students preparing in high need certification areas.

Outcomes of Review and Distribution of Scholarships

Applicants are notified regarding outcomes of review in a timely manner, Scholarship funds are distributed by Troy University. You must present your receipt for payment of classes and books. All documentation required for reimbursement should be submitted NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK FOLLOWING GRADE POSTINGS. Late requests could result in awards not being awarded. The money is distributed as a reimbursement. Please allow for reasonable processing time. Payments will begin in the Fall semester/term. No new scholarships will be added mid-year.

Re-applying each semester or term

Applicants must submit their previous semester or term's transcripts including cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater, as well as receipt for books and classes in the current term. Recipients of the Department of Education scholarship are reimbursed for books purchased for ASL/ITP courses ONLY. Books for general education courses will not be reimbursed.

Scholarship Application

1. Name: _____ Student Number: _____
2. Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
3. Troy email: _____@troy.edu Alternate email: _____
4. Local address: _____

5. Permanent address (if different): _____

6. Troy campus address (if known): _____

7. Program in which you are currently enrolled or certification which you are pursuing. Note that the program in which you are enrolled *may* be used as a criterion for scholarship awards.: _____
8. If awarded a scholarship, will you be enrolled full or part time? Note that full or part time status *may* be used as a criterion for scholarship awards of affect the amount of that award: _____
9. Your expected graduation of completion date: _____
10. Do you expect to receive other scholarships, stipends or other benefits. Including tuition assistance, Social Security or Veterans benefits during the upcoming year? If so, how much? Note that the availability of other funds *may* be used as a criterion for scholarship awards or affect the amount of that award: _____

I understand that false of inaccurate information may result in loss of consideration for this scholarship or require repayment of scholarship funds should they be received based on such information. I also understand that failure to maintain enrollment, complete the degree, and fulfill the three-ear post- graduation work agreement signifies a breach of contract which will require all money distributed plus interest be dues in full to the agency providing the funding (Alabama Department of Education).

Student signature _____

Student Agreement for Scholarship at Troy University

If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to:

1. Successfully complete the Interpreter Training Program at Troy University.
2. Obtain full time employment as a sign language interpreter with the **Alabama Department of Education** or with the Department's contract providers. This may require relocation depending on the availability of jobs at the time of graduation.
3. Complete at least **three years** of employment in the above stated position.
4. Maintain ongoing communication with designated staff at Troy University necessary to confirm my commitment to meeting the terms of this agreement.
5. Maintain ongoing communication with the Department of Education as necessary. This may include meetings with representatives of the Department of Education and/or workshops presented by the Department of Education.
6. Allow Troy faculty/staff to share academic information regarding progress with representatives of the Alabama Department of Education.
7. Students/Graduates will take and pass the EIPA Written test prior to graduation and the Performance test either during the final year of studies or upon graduation. All scores must be submitted to the Troy University ITP Director.
8. Update employment status upon graduation by providing Troy ITP and the Alabama State Department of Education – Special Education Services verification of employment for the contracted three years after graduation.

I have read all the information regarding the scholarship at Troy University and understand that should I be unable to meet the terms of this agreement, I must repay all scholarship funds I have received, with interest. This includes, but not limited to, change of major, working in a position unapproved by the Department of Education, failure of classes, lack of participation in activities sponsored by and with the Department of Education and Troy University.

Name (please print) _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Witness (please print) _____

Witness signature _____