



## Scholarship Application and Instructions

### HOW DO I APPLY?

The scholarship application is attached. All applicants will complete the first page of general information. The following pages provide the option to apply for a need-based scholarship, a public service scholarship, or both. Your information will remain confidential, as will the basis of any scholarship you may be awarded. Please return your completed applications and a current resume to:

#### **NITA Admissions**

1685 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200

Boulder, CO 80301

E-Mail: [Customerservice@nita.org](mailto:Customerservice@nita.org)

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### WHO QUALIFIES FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO A NITA PUBLIC PROGRAM?

The NITA Foundation awards a number of scholarships in our public trial and deposition programs to worthy applicants who have demonstrated financial need AND/OR a commitment to public service. Scholarships are only available for NITA's Trial, Advanced Trial and Deposition Skills (excludes Deposition Skills Online programs) and Teacher Training programs.

### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR A NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP?

Financial need is based on your annual income, less annual debt obligations (e.g., annual amounts owed on student debt or mortgage) and non-discretionary expenses. The information required on page two must be certified by your signature as a fair and accurate representation of your ability to pay from your own funds. In addition, if you are able to attend a program based upon other funding (such as an employer's contribution), you must disclose those facts. Our purpose is to open NITA training to those who truly do not have ability to pay in other ways.

**Attention New York State Applicants:** In compliance with the New York State CLE Board, New York attorneys are only required to list their annual income (*detailed income and expenses not necessary*) to determine eligibility for aid. Additionally, listing family income is not needed. **Attorneys from other states must provide all requested information.**

### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP?

Criteria for public service scholarships do not require demonstrated financial need. Public service scholarships are directed to NITA's mission to include the following in our programs:

- Advocates who serve indigent or disadvantaged populations including (but not limited to): legal aid, child advocacy, tribal court, criminal law, and domestic violence.
- Public agency lawyers who work in these areas.
- Private practice lawyers who work in these areas if at least 50% of their practice is devoted to providing legal services for clients who are indigent and unable to secure fee-based legal representation. Court-appointed work in these subject areas would be included in the 50% qualification.

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND PROCESS

- If you are awarded any scholarship there will be a **minimum balance of \$200**, which will be invoiced after the scholarship is awarded and paid before the program. Please do not send payment until you are awarded a scholarship.
- Scholarships apply toward tuition only. Hotel and travel expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Scholarships may **not** be transferred from one NITA program to another or from one participant to another.
- Incomplete or inaccurate forms will not be considered.
- A current resume should accompany the application
- Our funds are extremely limited so please apply at least 60 days prior to the program start date.
- As funds are limited, an individual can only receive one scholarship per 12 month period.

### POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the NITA Foundation do not discriminate among applicants for program admission or scholarship assistance on the basis of race, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, color, disability or status as a parent. Furthermore, NITA and the NITA Foundation comply with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1974, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to affirmative action and equal opportunity.

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## APPLICANT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

## ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME

Salutation:	Program Name:
Name:	Program City/State:
Nickname (will appear on nametag):	Program Dates:
E-Mail:	
Business Phone:	Mobile Phone:

Company Name:

Mailing Address: (No P.O. Boxes)

City:	State:	ZIP Code:
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How did you hear about this program?  
 Brochure  E-mail  Phone Call  Web Site  Social Media  Conference  Word of Mouth

Ethnic Background: (In compliance with Affirmative Action standards, if you wish to state) (Please mark)  
 African-American  Asian  Caucasian  Hispanic  Native-American  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Legal Practice (Please mark)  
 Legal Aid  Government  Non-Profit  Corporation  Firm  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Title (i.e. Solo, Public Defender, Legal Service Attorney, Prosecutor)

Size of Firm (Please mark if applicable)  
 Sole Practitioner  Small (2-20)  Medium (21-70)  Large (71-200)  Ex-Large (200+)

Law Interests/Specialization(s):

## BAR ADMISSIONS: State is required if you would like a corresponding CLE form(s) provided

State:	Bar ID#:	Year:
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## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Scholarship Application Basis:  
 Financial Need  Public Service Commitment  Both

Does your firm/agency have funds available for training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, have you applied for assistance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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What was the outcome of your application?

What expenses, if any, will be paid by your employer?

I certify that I am a licensed attorney admitted to practice law, that I understand and accept NITA's policies regarding program attendance and transfer/cancel fees, and that all statements made on all pages of this application are true and accurate.

SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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**FINANCIAL NEED SECTION**

Marital Status:  Married  Unmarried (include single, divorced or widowed)  Separated

Number of Dependents:

Ages :

Describe the circumstances that would warrant a scholarship based on financial need?

Please discuss how you intend to use the skills acquired from this course.

**PUBLIC SERVICE SECTION**

I understand the Public Service Criteria set forth in the application form (see page 1) and meet those criteria.  Yes

Please explain your personal commitment to public service advocacy:

Please discuss how the skills acquired from this course will directly apply to your public service advocacy:

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Applications will generally be considered by the NITA scholarship committee 45 days before the program start date. We recommend returning your application at least 60 days before the start of the program. You will be notified by email of the action taken on your application. Thank you for applying!