



Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
ARID Scholarship Committee: Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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History: Purpose of Scholarship Funds for National and State Certification Testing:

In 1991, ARID established the Scholarship Fund to assist individual ARID members defray the costs of RID certification testing. In 2010, the Scholarship Committee updated the scholarship criteria and procedures to reflect current tests, terminology and the ability to submit materials electronically. The ARID membership approved the updates at the 12/4/10 GM Meeting and it was printed starting with the *ARIDian News & Views*, 26(2) December 2010 Winter Holiday issue. In 2011, the Scholarship Committee named the scholarship and revised the eligibility criteria to expand the availability of funds to ARID members for any national and state certification tests. The ARID membership approved the revisions at the 12/3/11 GM Meeting and all information was printed in the *ARIDian News & Views*, 27(2) December 2011 Winter Holiday issue.

Purpose of Scholarship Funds for National and State Level Testing:

Scholarship funds are available to all ARID members in good standing for any national or state certification, or performance tests/assessments/screenings that include, but are not limited to: 1) the RID Performance Tests [NIC, OTC, SC:L, CDI], 2) the EIPA Performance Assessment and 3) the Arkansas QAST Screening Tests [Levels 1-3 and Levels 4-5], hereafter referred to as “tests.”

Reimbursement Process:

It is the candidate’s responsibility to pay for any Application and/or Written Test fees for certification and/or state level interpreter tests. Reimbursement for performance tests is up to \$150.00.

Eligibility Criteria:

Regardless of which test or assessment a candidate wishes to take, all candidates must first satisfy the following and be:

1. A current resident of the state of Arkansas.
2. A member in good standing of ARID for a minimum of two years.
3. A member in good standing of RID, Inc.

The RID NIC Performance Test:

- Pass the RID Written Exam.
- Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2 or another RID or national certificate.

The EIPA:

- Pass the EIPA Written Test.
- Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2

The Arkansas QAST:

- Pass the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Application Materials:

I. Application Form

1. Complete the form indicating your contact information, current membership status, credentials, degrees and the category for which you are requesting funds.
2. Submit a scanned copy of the current ARID membership card and a copy of last year’s membership card. (*If you don’t have a copy of last year’s membership card, check the box on the Application requesting verification with the ARID Membership Committee Chair.*)

II. Application for National RID Testing:

- Submit a scanned copy of your current Arkansas QAST card (verifying QAST Level 2/2 minimum).
- Submit a scanned copy of your current RID membership status (verifying RID membership status).

III. Application for EIPA Testing:

- Verification of passing the EIPA documentation that verifies you passed the EIPA Written Test.

IV. Application for Arkansas QAST:

- Verification of passing the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Electronic Application Process / Procedures for Reimbursement of Performance Test Fees:

ARID will only accept electronic submissions as part of its efforts to “go green” and all submissions must be complete and submitted as a Word.doc (scanned items can be in pdf or jpg formats).

1. Twenty (20) days before the test date, please submit Application Materials via email to the Scholarship Committee at mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu.
2. Ten (10) days before the test date, the candidate will receive the Verification of Testing Form.
3. Present the Verification of Testing Form at the testing site to the RID Local Test Administrator (LTA) or the QAST Coordinator for his or her signature.
4. Upon completion of the Performance Test, the applicant has seven (7) business days to submit the signed Verification of Testing Form via email to the Scholarship Committee at mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu.
5. Upon receipt of signed Verification of Testing Form, the Scholarship Committee will inform the Treasurer to draft a check to the candidate.
6. Within ten (10) working days, the candidate receives a reimbursement check for certification and/or state level interpreter testing.



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Application Form

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Name _____

Address _____

Cell _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Optional

Education / Training (list all degrees, if any; status if a current IEP student; otherwise why interested in testing)

Current Credentials (check all that apply; include certification and/or level)

None

RID _____

QAST Level _____

Other _____ (name and level)

Check the Test Category Scholarship Funds for which you are applying:

RID > NIC OTC SC:L CDI

EIPA

QAST Level 1-3 Level 4-5

Other _____ (name and level)

Check all that apply (please include scanned copies as attachments)

ARID Membership Card Current Last year Verify with Membership Chair

RID Membership Card Current Not Applicable

QAST Card Current Not Applicable

Other _____ (name and level) Current Not Applicable



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Verification of Testing Form

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Name _____

Address _____

Cell _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature of the Test Administrator

The Test Administrator verifies that the above candidate took the following performance test:

Location - site, city, state

Signature of Test Administrator

Date

Name of Test Administrator (please print)

Please check the Candidate's Test Category:

RID > NIC OTC SC:L CDI

EIPA

QAST Level 1-3 Level 4-5

Other _____ (name and level)