

Public Defense Training Scholarship Information and Instructions

Scholarship Program Details

As a result of generous grant funding, NACDL is able to offer scholarship assistance to public defense providers to attend training programs of their choice. Scholarships are awarded in the form of full or partial reimbursement of the registration costs of programs. Limited travel reimbursement stipends may also be awarded to qualifying individuals to help defray the costs of travel and lodging.

Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Applicants must be public defenders, contract counsel, or private counsel receiving court appointments, and must demonstrate financial need.

Do I need to be a member of NACDL?

Membership in NACDL is **not** required to receive registration scholarship assistance. Membership in NACDL **is** required to receive travel assistance. Individuals who are not current members of NACDL may be considered for travel assistance, but travel awards made are contingent upon the individual joining the organization prior to receiving reimbursement.

Application Deadlines

Applications are reviewed about three months before the start of the program and are awarded on a rolling basis. Applications received less than three weeks before the program will not be considered.

Evaluation of Applications

Each scholarship application is evaluated individually. Multiple applications from one office should be completed and submitted by each individual attorney providing personal responses to each of the questions asked. Demonstrated financial need is required for all awards.

Submission of Applications

Completed scholarship applications can be submitted via email (preferred) or fax. Emailed applications should be sent to pdt scholarship@nacdl.org with "Scholarship Application" in the subject line. Faxed applications should be sent to (202) 872-8690, Attn: Public Defense Training Scholarship.