



National Association of Judiciary Interpreters & Translators
2002 Summit Blvd., Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30319
ph: 404-566-4705

2020 NAJIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM DEFINITIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

NAJIT Scholars Program

Under this program of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT), up to five NAJIT Scholars will be selected from qualified applicants to attend NAJIT's 41st Annual Conference. Qualified applicants must be currently enrolled in or have graduated from translation and interpretation programs in North America in 2019 and 2020, and be available to attend the conference which will be held from June 5-7, 2020, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Eligible Applicants

Spoken Language or Visual Language (Sign Language) Translating or Interpreting (T&I) students and 2019 or 2020 graduates of any academic T&I degree or certificate program may apply for one of the 2020 NAJIT Scholars Awards. There is no limit to the number of applications any given T&I Program may submit for consideration. Previous recipients of this Scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Active members of NAJIT are not eligible to apply for this award unless they can verify their T&I student status. Continuing education credits are available for active members only. Selected Scholars may upgrade their complimentary student membership to an active membership to receive a certificate of attendance.

NAJIT Scholar

A NAJIT Scholar is a successful applicant to the NAJIT Scholars Program selected by the 2020 NAJIT Scholars Program Panel of Judges. Up to five award winners will be selected for the 2020 NAJIT Scholarship Program. The scholarships are not transferable.

NAJIT Scholars Award

Each successful applicant to this program in 2020, will receive a "NAJIT Scholar Award" which encompasses the following:

- Complimentary registration for NAJIT's 41st Annual Conference;
- A stipend of \$500 (in the form of a check to be presented at the conference) to help the NAJIT Scholars defray lodging or travel expenses, or to be used any way the Scholar deems fit;
- Complimentary registration for one full day pre-conference workshop or two half-day pre-conference workshops, and
- Complimentary student membership in NAJIT for one full year, including a one-year subscription to NAJIT's publication, *Proteus*.



National Association of Judiciary Interpreters & Translators
2002 Summit Blvd., Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30319
ph: 404-566-4705

Note: Transportation, lodging arrangements, and any other costs associated with travel are the sole responsibility of the NAJIT Scholar. NAJIT Scholars will need to cover the expense of three nights in the conference hotel. A discounted hotel rate is available for reservations made prior to May 14th, 2020 (reservations should be made early as space is limited). If possible, NAJIT will assist the Scholars in making roommate arrangements, but cannot guarantee that a suitable roommate will be available. The following conference events are included in the NAJIT Scholars Award: the Friday evening Welcome Event, the Friday evening Scholars' Reception, continental breakfasts on Saturday/Sunday, the group luncheon for the Annual Business Meeting, and the Saturday evening reception.

In the event that a Scholar is unable to attend the conference and avail themselves of NAJIT's Scholarship, the \$500 stipend shall be forfeited. The registration fees waived under the scholarship have no cash value.

Scholarship applications will be available on the NAJIT website and must be submitted by **April 6, 2020**.

PROCEDURES

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the NAJIT 2020 Scholars Program shall be directed to NAJIT's Administrator, Susan Cruz, at hq@najit.org

APPLICATIONS

- Applications for the 2020 NAJIT Scholars Program can be found [here](#).
- Essays must be submitted electronically in a Word-compatible document. Scanned applications **will not** be accepted.
- No mailed-in applications will be accepted.
- All applications must be received by **April 6, 2020**. Applications received after that date will not be considered.
- All application forms and written queries sent to NAJIT must be in English.
- Applications will not be considered by the judges if any section of the required information fields is left blank or incomplete.

SCHOLARS SELECTION PROCESS

- 1) NAJIT Headquarters shall prepare the applications, assign each a number, and make copies for the Panel of Judges.
- 2) Three Judges shall decide which applicants will be offered the opportunity to become a NAJIT Scholar. The three Judges will be selected by the NAJIT Board of Directors, and ideally will include T&I professionals and academics. NAJIT reserves the right to determine whether the full number of awards



National Association of Judiciary Interpreters & Translators
2002 Summit Blvd., Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30319
ph: 404-566-4705

will be offered in any particular year.

- 3) Judges shall reach their decision by **April 20, 2020**.
- 4) A report with the list of Scholars will be prepared for the NAJIT Board of Directors.
- 5) The Chair of the NAJIT Board of Directors will notify all Scholarship Recipients of the results by **April 22, 2020**, immediately after the judges render their decision.
- 6) The judges' decision is final.
- 7) In the event a selected Scholar is unable to accept the award, said scholar must inform NAJIT immediately by emailing hq@najit.org.
- 8) The final list of Scholars shall be published on the NAJIT website by no later than **May 10, 2020**.

SCHOLARS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RIGHTS

Scholars may attend as many sessions during the Conference as is practicable for them. All Scholars must attend the Scholar Orientation and Scholar Reception where they will have meet each other, as well as the members of the NAJIT and SSTI Boards. This will give the Scholars the opportunity to represent their school, learn about NAJIT, prepare for their duties during the conference, and express their opinions on matters of interest. The stipend check and a certificate will be presented to the Scholars in attendance during the Saturday luncheon.

NOTE: Only scholars who are also Active NAJIT Members may cast ballots during pre-conference gatherings, during the conference or any of its meetings.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Scholar will have some volunteer duties to perform at the conference, but will be encouraged and expected to attend as many educational sessions as may be feasible.

Each Scholar will be expected to be on-call at particular times. During this on-call period, the Scholar shall perform duties as directed by the Conference Coordinator or any person so designated by the Scholar Liaison or Conference Coordinator. If dismissed by the person overseeing that period, the Scholar will be free to attend the remainder of that or any other conference session running concurrently. Duties performed by Scholars include, but are not limited to, assisting check-in, distributing hand-outs, collecting evaluations, and assisting the Conference Coordinator, Board Members, or any other person so designated by the Scholar Liaison or Conference Coordinator.

The application can be found online at www.najit.org

For further information, send an email to: hq@najit.org