

Scholarships and Awards



Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

Evelyn Zola Scholarship Award

Evelyn “Evie” Zola was a beloved educator, storyteller and performer who resided in Wisconsin for many years before settling in California. Evie served as an RID Board member for numerous years; was active with the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA); and was a founding member of Deaf Seniors of America. Noted for her flamboyant costumes, Evie returned to school late in life to achieve her academic goals. Evie readily accepted the challenge of defying stereotypes and actively pursued her lifelong commitment to grow personally and professionally.

In her honor, the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf has established the Evelyn Zola Scholarship for the purpose of providing financial assistance to members who are currently seeking expanded education and training opportunities in an effort to become a Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI).

Recipient will be Presented with:

- A certificate
- A monetary award of at least \$ 500.00

Criteria:

Failure to follow the rules below will render the application void.

- Applicant must hold dual membership (National and Affiliate) at the Certified, Associate or Student Level
- Applicant must be a member in good standing at the Certified, Associate or Student level at least 12 months prior to applying
- The applicant must demonstrate a desire to engage in interpreter training opportunities with the goal of becoming a Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) by submitting:
 - a) A letter of interest or video submission (with a transcript) outlining their goals and how they plan to achieve those goals
 - b) Application form
 - c) 3 recommendations:
 - 1) One from an instructor of training/workshop applicant has attended
 - 2) One from a Nationally Certified hearing interpreter with whom applicant has worked and detailed their plan to become a professional CDI
 - 3) One from a CDI/RSC with whom the applicant has worked and detailed their plan to become a professional CDI
 - d) Submitting documentation of attendance to two (2) intensive interpreter process workshops/classes they have attended or training opportunities they have registered to attend in the future.
 - e) Copies of National RID membership card and either a copy of Affiliate Chapter membership card or a letter of membership verification from an Affiliate Chapter officer.

Cycle:

Awards will be made annually and announced at the National Conference and in VIEWS

Submissions:

- Submissions can be made mailed to the RID National Office or emailed to Info@rid.org

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Applicant Name: _____ RID membership # _____

Applicant address: _____

Applicant telephone: (____) _____ v/tty (____) _____

E-mail address: _____ RID member since: _____

Affiliate chapter name: _____ Affiliate chapter member since _____

Name/location of IPP/ITP: _____

Number of semesters completed: _____ GPA: Graduation date: _____

Is IPP/ITP: Full-time student and/or minimum 9 credit hours: Yes ___ No ___

Proof of fall semester hours/registration will be required before a check can be issued

AA/AS ___ BA/BS ___ MA/MS ___ PhD ___

Submit 8 copies each of the following:

- Application
- Letter of interest
- 3 letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be received from:
 - An instructor of training/workshop applicant has attended
Name: _____
 - A Nationally Certified hearing interpreter with whom applicant has worked OR discussed their desires/goals to become a professional CDI
Name: _____
 - A seasoned Deaf Interpreter OR CDI/RSC with whom the applicant has worked OR discussed their desires/goals to become a professional CDI
Name: _____
- Documentation of attendance/registration to two (2) past interpreting workshops/classes
- Copies of current RID and Affiliate Chapter membership cards

Send to: Scholarship and Awards Committee
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.
333 Commerce Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

or

Info@rid.org