



## Fall 2022 Scholarships for Medical Interpreters Training

The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation is committed to increasing the local community's capacity to provide trained interpreters to limited English-speaking individuals. To this end, we provide scholarships to individuals interested in advancing their interpretation skills to better serve the clients of local non-profits providing health, wellness, education, and legal services. Scholarships are limited and only available for courses pre-approved by the Foundation's local Interpretation & Translation Advisory Committee as a quality, thorough curriculum featuring the nationally recognized best practices.

Currently approved is the Medical Communication Ambassadors (MCA) accredited 80-Hour Medical Interpretation Course offered online. The course is taught over 16 weeks with weekly mandatory 2-hour face-to-face sessions online. Scholarships are available to cover the enrollment fees of \$1,000, including all training materials, text and workbook, and language proficiency exam. This course is available for English and Spanish speakers only.

**Interested individuals must first apply to the course. Application is made by email to Maria at [circe@mallofmagic.com](mailto:circe@mallofmagic.com) or visit the website at [www.mcainterpreters.com](http://www.mcainterpreters.com) or call 219-229-5351.** Once accepted into the course, they will become eligible for a scholarship. Scholarships are limited and the priority\* goes to individuals who are employed or volunteer at non-profit organizations that partner with the St. Joe Foundation.

Scholarship recipients are required to commit to the following:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- A high school diploma or equivalent is preferred.
- Must show evidence of language proficiency both in English and Spanish through the language proficiency test offered by the MCA course.
- Commit to regular attendance in the 80- hour course offered over 16 weeks of individual study, including a weekly mandatory 2-hour face-to-face session online.
- Hold a relationship with a local non-profit organization through which they will use their interpretation skills. Individuals who do not have a current relationship with a non-profit organization but are willing to commit to providing 20 hours of volunteer interpretation to a local non-profit organization may indicate so on their application.
- Ability to provide own computer and comfortable with online learning.
- Provide a resume if possible.
- Complete the application below.

Any class participant who has accepted a scholarship must:

- Commit to continue working at the non-profit organization supported by the Foundation for at least three months OR donate 20 hours of interpretation or translation on a volunteer basis for a nonprofit or the general community within the next 12 months in return for the value of the scholarship
- Attend all training sessions, complete homework assignments, participate in class, and successfully pass the final exam. Individuals who do not complete the course or the volunteer hour's commitment will be expected to repay the course fee except for approved emergency circumstances.



## Application Form

I would like to be considered for a scholarship:    Yes    No

- I am employed or a volunteer of a local nonprofit organization serving bi-lingual clients:    Yes    No
  
- The name of the non-profit organization and my role/title at the non-profit organization:
  
- How long have you been involved with the non-profit organization?
  
- Describe why you would like this training and how you believe it will enable you to better serve limited-English individuals.
  
  
- I am NOT currently involved in a non-profit organization, but I would like to volunteer in a local non-profit organization for 20 hours over four months in exchange for a scholarship.    Yes    No
  
- I have attached a resume.    Yes    No

I have read and understand the terms of application, class expectations, volunteer hours, and repayment. I agree to the terms outlined in this agreement.

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Printed Name of Applicant

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Please attach your resume and email to [Joe@sjchf.org](mailto:Joe@sjchf.org) by August 26, 2022.**