



TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
DUE DATE: 5pm, FEBRUARY 26th, 2010

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

The purpose of our scholarship program is to increase diversity in our mediator pool. We have developed the following scholarship selection criteria to help us meet this goal.

Applicants must meet our low income guidelines (at or below 150% of poverty level). Please check the appropriate box below.

- I am the only person in my household and my income is at or below \$14,000.
- There are 2 people in my household and total income is at or below \$18,000.
- There are 3 people in my household and total income is at or below \$23,000.
- There are 4 people in my household and total income is at or below \$27,000.
- There are 5 people in my household and total income is at or below \$33,000.
- There are 6 people in my household and total income is at or below \$38,000.
- There are 7 people in my household and total income is at or below \$42,000.
- There are 8 people in my household and total income is at or below \$47,000.

In addition, at least one of the following must also apply. Please check all that apply to you.

- I am a person of color.
- I speak English as a second language, and my first language is spoken by underserved populations in the Dispute Resolution Center service area. My first language is: _____
- I am living with a disability
- I am lesbian, gay or bisexual.
- I am a resident of rural Thurston County or southern Mason County (I do not have an Olympia, Lacey or Tumwater street address).
- I am between the ages of 20 and 29.
- I am male or transgender.

If selected for this scholarship, I can commit to the following:

- I will attend the full 40-hour mediation training beginning: **March 11th -13th and 18-20th, 2010 (Th 5-9p, F & S 8:30a-5:30p)**
- After completing the training, I will commit to completing my exam within two months.
- I will observe 6 mediation cases and participate in a mock mediation within one year of completing my exam.
- I will join the pool of volunteer mediators and continue to volunteer for at least one year from completing my mock mediation.

Please tell us more about yourself by answering the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Please type your answers or write legibly for no more than 3 pages.

1. Why would you like to become a mediator with the DRC?
2. Describe a conflict that you weren't able to work out. What do you think went wrong? What would have worked better?
3. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
4. Describe your experiences facing or witnessing discrimination. Tell us how you responded and what you learned from these experiences and how they have prepared you to contribute to your community.
5. What would you like to be doing with your life five years from now?
6. What else would you like us to know about you?

Submit your application to Oriana Noël Lewis, Training Manager at onlewis@mediatethurston.org or the address below. If you have questions, please contact the DRC by phone (see below) or at the above email address.