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Scholarship Policy

Indigent Defense Act terms and definitions described in [Utah Code 78B-22-102](#) apply to this policy.

The Utah Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) protects constitutionally guaranteed liberties through ongoing support for effective indigent defense services throughout the state. This includes providing scholarships to help attorneys who provide indigent defense services cover costs of attending continuing legal education programs in Utah and elsewhere so they have appropriate training in their area of indigent defense services.

Scholarships in any given fiscal year will depend on the availability of training funds allocated outside of IDC-sponsored training programs.

Indigent defense service provider who is an attorney appointed to provide defense services to indigent individuals pursuant to either a contract with an indigent defense system or an order issued by the court may qualify for an IDC scholarship.

Scholarship will be granted based on an applicant's financial need. Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a scholarship within the past six months.

Attorneys who are employed as full-time equivalent (FTE) public defenders ought first to request funding from their office to help defray costs of attending the desired CLE event. The IDC scholarship would then be supplemental and secondary should additional funds be needed to cover the costs of the training.

Where a non-IDC sponsored CLE program offers scholarships to defray costs of attending the program, the applicant who plans to attend the program and desires to seek an IDC scholarship for that purpose is required to apply for the non-IDC scholarship. If received, the non-IDC scholarship must be used as the primary source of funding for the program. Any IDC scholarship funds will be supplemental and secondary to other funding source(s).

Applicant for an IDC scholarship must be an active member of the Utah State Bar in good standing.

Continuing legal education for which assistance is desired must offer skills and knowledge that are pertinent to the attorney's area of indigent defense services. In the application, the applicant

must explain 1) why the training is relevant to his/her area of indigent defense services; and 2) how the training improves his/her ability to provide indigent defense services more effectively.

If scholarship funds are desired, an attorney must apply to the IDC for a scholarship using the IDC Scholarship Application Form. All qualified applications received by given deadlines (if applicable) will be considered.

Scholarship funds may be disbursed to qualifying individuals to reimburse in full or in part costs of attending both IDC and non-IDC continuing legal education programs.

Scholarships may reimburse recipients in full or in part any or all of the following costs of attending a CLE program:

- registration fee or tuition
- mileage
- air fare
- lodging
- meals
- rental car
- taxi/Lyft/Uber charge
- incidental charges (e.g. parking fee)

If a scholarship is awarded, state Travel, Payment, Purchasing, and other policies and procedures apply to scholarship funds and the recipient.

Scholarship recipients are responsible for any tax consequences of reimbursements for expenses.

Scholarship recipients must work with the IDC staff and the State Travel Office staff to make travel arrangements, particularly when travel distance is more than 50 miles one way or an overnight stay is required.