DC BAR Pro Bono Center

Training Program Fee Waiver Policy

The DC Bar Pro Bono Center is committed to making our training programs accessible while maintaining the resources necessary to provide high-quality content. To balance accessibility with sustainability, we offer a limited number of fee waivers for eligible participants.

Purpose

This fee waiver policy supports attorneys, legal and non-legal professionals, and law students committed to pro bono and public interest work by reducing financial barriers to participation.

Eligibility

1. **Organizations, Firms, and Legal Service Providers (LSPs)**:
    - Each organization, firm, or LSP may request up to **two (2) fee waivers per training**.
    - Waivers are intended for attorneys and staff who demonstrate financial need or lack access to professional development funding.
2. **Individual Attorneys and Legal Professionals**:
    - Individual attorneys are welcome to apply for a fee waiver if financial need is demonstrated.
    - Non-attorneys
    - Law Students

Application Process

1. Submit your request using the official Fee Waiver Request Form.
2. Requests should be submitted at least **10 business days prior** to the training date to ensure timely review.
3. Applicants must provide:
    - Organization/firm/LSP affiliation (if applicable)
    - A brief description of financial need or justification for the waiver

Approval Criteria

1. Waivers are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
2. Priority is given to:
    - Attorneys actively engaged in pro bono work or intending to take pro bono cases through the DC Bar Pro Bono Center
    - Legal professionals from under-resourced organizations or communities
    - Law students who cannot afford the training but have an interest in pursuing a career in legal services
    - Non-legal organizations that serve our client population and cannot afford to attend the training

Additional Details

1. Fee waivers are limited and cannot be applied retroactively.
2. Organizations exceeding the two-waiver limit per training will be required to pay the standard registration fee for any additional participants beyond the two fee waivers.

Contact Information

We understand the importance of keeping training accessible and are here to work with you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **probonotraining@dcbar.org**.