

## Frequently Asked Questions

What are the qualifications to apply to the Pilot Program?

- Applicants must be bilingual in one of the Courts desired [certified languages](#) or [registered languages](#).
- Applicants interested in becoming an American Sign Language (ASL) court interpreter must already possess an ASL Generalist Credential (e.g., RID Generalist Certification).
- Applicants must be 18 years or older and authorized to work in the United States.
- Applicants must pass a background check prior to being accepted into the Pilot Program.
- Applicants must sign an agreement with the Judicial Council of California stating they agree to the program policies, which include working for their designated court for at least three-years after passing all required exams and enrolling with the Judicial Council as a court interpreter.
- Upon entry into the Pilot Program, participants agree to submit six-month progress reports to the Program Manager.

How do you apply to the Pilot Program?

- Interested applicants can complete the [Pilot Program Cohort 1 Candidate Application](#) which is available on **July 1, 2024**.
- **Applications for Cohort 1 are due by August 1, 2024, 5:00 P.M. (Pacific Standard Time).**

What is the timeline for submitting applications?

- July 1, 2024: participating courts and sought after languages will be posted to this website.
- July 2024: interested candidates must submit their application by August 1, 2024, 5:00 P.M. (PST).
- Summer of 2024: the Judicial Council and participating courts will screen applications to determine which candidates will participate in cohort 1.
- Fall of 2024: Selected candidates will be notified by email of their acceptance into the program. Selected candidates will be provided instructions on how to complete the background check. Candidates that successfully pass the background check will be provided with a participant agreement and program handbook. The candidate will sign and return the agreement.
- January 1, 2025: Cohort 1 will start the Pilot Program

What is the process for acceptance into the program?

- Application materials, submitted by the stated deadline, will be screened to determine if the candidate is more than likely to successfully complete the Pilot Program.
- All candidates will receive an email notification stating they are either accepted or not accepted into the program.
- Candidates that are conditionally accepted into the program must successfully pass a background check prior to their program start date. The Judicial Council will pay for the background check.
- Candidates who pass the background check will be notified for an explanation of the next steps.