



WEST VIRGINIA STATE
VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

STUDENT APPLICATION

West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy
at West Virginia State University | **JULY 19-23, 2010**

Student Application Form *(Please Print)*



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The **West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy (WVSVAA)** is a comprehensive, academically based, fundamental educational opportunity for victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel and allied professionals. The Academy is a week-long intensive course of study designed to improve the level of knowledge and skills and consistency of victim services in West Virginia. Through education, the WVSVAA will build the capacity of providers to serve those victimized by crime; encourage cutting-edge thinking about the ways we can help victims regain control of their lives; and focus on a victim centered multi-disciplinary response.

TO APPLY: Please complete this application form in its entirety. No alternative forms will be accepted. Applications and all required documents must be postmarked by **April 30, 2010.**

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Mail Completed Application to:

West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy
Attention Amy Landers
5004 Elk River Road, South
Elkview, WV 25071
Acceptance or non-acceptance letters will be mailed by May 15, 2010.

CONTACT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: (____) _____ EVENING PHONE: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT POSITION: _____ COUNTY OR AREA SERVED: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS IN DIRECT VICTIM SERVICES: _____

POSITION TYPE: PAID POSITION VOLUNTEER POSITION FULL-TIME PART-TIME: _____ HRS/MONTH

EDUCATION LEVEL: GED HS DIPLOMA AA BACHELORS ADVANCED DEGREE(S)

(EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY AND WILL NOT IMPACT ELIGIBILITY.)

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED: _____

SELECT ONE CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE ORGANIZATION/AGENCY AT WHICH YOU WORK OR VOLUNTEER:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BASED

- STATE POLICE/SHERIFF/LOCAL POLICE
- PROSECUTION
- COURTS
- PROBATION
- CORRECTIONS
- PAROLE
- PROBATION
- OTHER _____

COMMUNITY/NONPROFIT-BASED

- ALL VICTIMS
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- CHILD ABUSE/SEXUAL ASSAULT
- HOMELESS SHELTER
- DRUNK DRIVING
- HOMICIDE SUPPORT
- MISSING/EXPLOITED CHILDREN
- ELDERLY VICTIMS
- OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES

- YOUTH SERVICES
- LEGAL SERVICES
- HOSPITAL/MEDICAL
- STATE VICTIM SERVICES
- FAITH BASED
- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE
- OTHER _____

INDICATE THE TYPES OF CRIME VICTIMS THAT YOU PRIMARILY SERVE: (CHECK NO MORE THAN THREE).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> ASSAULT | <input type="checkbox"/> SEXUAL ASSAULT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ELDERLY VICTIMS | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD ABUSE/SEXUAL ABUSE | <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING/EXPLOITED CHILDREN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER CRIMES | <input type="checkbox"/> DRUNK DRIVING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> ALL CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS | <input type="checkbox"/> ROBBERY/THEFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALL CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY | <input type="checkbox"/> BIAS VIOLENCE/HATE CRIMES | <input type="checkbox"/> DATING VIOLENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GANG VIOLENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> STALKING | <input type="checkbox"/> IDENTITY THEFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ | |

WRITTEN ESSAY

Please briefly state why you want to attend the WVSVAA and how your participation will benefit you professionally and personally. Include any additional information you believe important for the application selection committee to consider. Please limit this response to no more than one typed, double-spaced page. (Attach to Application)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- I am requesting scholarship consideration and have attached my statement of need.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any omission or misrepresentation of facts or failure to furnish information will automatically invalidate consideration of this application and/or acceptance to the West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SIGNATURE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: _____ **DATE:** _____



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The WVSVA will select 35 candidates to attend the Academy at West Virginia State University (WVSU), in Institute, West Virginia, from July 19–23, 2010. These participants will explore a comprehensive curriculum created specifically for West Virginia by a multidisciplinary committee. All students who are accepted and successfully complete the 40-hour WVSVA will receive a certificate of completion and discipline specific Continuing Education Credits (CEU's).

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA:

The WVSVA is looking for professionals who work with victims of crime who:

1. Serve in a paid or volunteer position having direct contact with West Virginia crime victims.
2. Have less than 5 years of experience working with victims. The WVSVA faculty welcomes more advanced professionals, as their experience may be a value to the program; however, keep in mind the academy uses foundation-level curriculum.
3. Agree to be in attendance during the entire academy. (For questions concerning criteria or for more information contact Larry Nelson at 304-766-3280 or Amy Landers at 304-965-3552.)

FEES

Our partnership with West Virginia State University allows us to offer this unique educational opportunity to 35 students for \$200.00 each. Tuition is due upon notification of acceptance. This fee includes tuition, course materials, and room and board (including all meals). Transportation costs are the responsibility of each student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available. **Applicants needing financial assistance in order to attend the Academy must submit their application in full accompanied by a statement of need.** The federal office for Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) also provides scholarships to cover tuition costs to individuals seeking professional development opportunities. More information and the application process can be found at www.ovcttac.gov/taResources/scholarship.cfm. Individuals interested in applying for TTAC scholarships should apply directly to TTAC.

Refunds will not be issued after July 1, 2010. Please note this is an application process and no replacements can be sent by individual organizations. The steering committee will have a waiting list to accept replacement students.

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