

Program in Translation & Interpreting Writing Sample Form

Please use your own paper to type or neatly print your answers to the questions below. You must submit your answers attached to this form. For the questions that need to be answered in both your strongest language (“A” language) and second language (“B” language), you DO NOT need to make them exact translations of each other. Make sure your writing samples meet the required length because if they are too short, the reviewers will not be able to properly evaluate them. **Your entire writing sample should be at least 1.5 pages in total length.**

The purpose of this form is to give our evaluators a good sample of your writing abilities in your “A” language and your “B” language. Please take time to proofread your writing and remember to write as well as you can so the evaluators can fairly evaluate your abilities. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Name (last, first, middle initial)
1. Write two short paragraphs, one in your strongest language (“A” language) and one in your second language (“B” language), describing why you wish to participate in this program.
2. Write one short paragraph in English, describing why, if given a choice, you would (or would <u>not</u>) have a preference in working in a legal, health care, educational and or conference setting.
Answer ONLY ONE of the following questions, 3.A. or 3.B. or 3.C. 3.A. Write two short stories, one in your strongest language (“A” language) and one in your second language (“B” language), about a time you were ill or injured. What happened? Did you go to the hospital? How did you feel? How did you recover? How long did it take to recover? Explain what the doctor/nurse did/said, what the outcome was, and how you felt about the whole event. Your stories should be at least two paragraphs long. 3.B. Write two short stories, one in your strongest language (“A” language) and one in your second language (“B” language), about a time you came in contact with the legal system. What happened? Was there an incident? Were you involved in the incident? Was a citation (ticket) issued? Did anyone have to appear in a court of law? If you know, explain what the outcome was, and how you felt about it afterward. Your stories should be at least two paragraphs long. 3.C. Write two short stories, one in your strongest language (“A” language) and one in your second language (“B” language), about a time when you encountered a speaker with limited English who needed your help. What was the situation? Were the stakes high or low? Were you able to help the individual or not? What was the outcome? Did it change how you feel about working in a bilingual career? Why or why not?

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