



WEST VIRGINIA STATE
VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

STUDENT APPLICATION

West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy
September 9-13, 2013





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The **West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy (WVSVAA)** is a comprehensive, 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 **July 26, 2013**.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy
Attention Amy Landers
5004 Elk River Road, South
Elkview, WV 25071

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Acceptance or non-acceptance letters will be mailed by August 2, 2013.

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 ACCOMODATIONS 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).

Domestic Violence

- Elderly Victims
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Victims with Disabilities
- All Crimes Against Property
- Gang Violence
- Other _____

Assault

- Child Abuse/Sexual Abuse
- Computer Crimes
- All Crimes Against Persons
- Bias Violence/Hate Crimes
- Stalking
- Other _____

Sexual Assault

- Missing/Exploited Children
- Drunk Driving
- Robbery/Theft
- Dating Violence
- Identity Theft

T-SHIRT SIZE

____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ XXX-Large

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 up to 35 candidates to attend the Academy in **Charleston**, West Virginia, from September 9-13, 2013. 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 28-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 Sarah Brown at 304-558-8814 ext. 53337 or Amy Landers at 304-965-3552.)

Fees

Our partnership with West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services allows us to offer this unique educational opportunity to up to 35 students for \$200.00 each. Tuition is due upon notification of acceptance. This fee includes tuition, course materials, and lodging (meals will be reimbursed at per diem rate). Transportation costs are the responsibility of each student.

Scholarships

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 August 31, 2013. 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.