



The New York State Council on Divorce Mediation has a well-established tradition of supporting the ongoing professional development of its members through continuing education. To uphold the highest standards in mediation, the Council requires all Mediator Members, Accredited Mediators and Advance Accredited Mediators to complete annual continuing education courses. This requirement ensures that members stay informed, enhance their skills, remain current with changes and advancements, and maintain their Council accreditation.

The Council acknowledges that some family mediators offer their services voluntarily or on a sliding scale at a modest fee compared to their peers. To support accessibility, the Council strives to keep the cost of its continuing education programs reasonable for all participants.

Recognizing that some individuals may face financial hardships, the Council may offer scholarships, waivers or discounts to cover fees related to the instructional component of the program.

The waiver applies exclusively to the instructional cost of the program and does not cover expenses such as travel, accommodations, meals, materials not provided for the sessions attended or any other related expenses.

The income limits below serve as general guideline eligibility for a scholarship, waiver, or discount. However, final determinations are made at the sole discretion of the Council.

Combined Family/Household Income	
< \$35,000	Full Scholarship
\$35,000 – \$50,000	75% Discount
\$50,000 – \$75,000	50% Discount
\$75,000 +	No Discount

Application Process

This policy applies to both in-person and online events that require a fee. To apply for consideration under the Council’s Scholarship Policy, please complete the following steps:

1. Submit a written request, including your full contact information.
2. Specify the event you wish to attend, either the in-person Annual Conference or the Council’s yearly Online Symposium.
3. Please provide the total household income from all sources, not just your mediation practice. All information will be kept confidential.

Please email your application to Connie Fraser – connie@conniefrasermediation.com