

ID: CORE Interpreters LLC logo which includes a brown background and white font with an abstract depiction of the letters CORE in sign language in and the word "INTERPRETERS" underneath



ID: Applied Development Inc logo which includes a white background. On the far left there is a red square logo with the word "Applied" in dark gray bigger letters. Directly below this to the right is the word "Development, LLC" in red letters.

Hot off the Press: Interpreter Mentorship Program Scholarship Partnership

The Reasonable Accommodations team was presented with a unique opportunity to partner with a nationally recognized sign language interpreter mentorship program, CORE Interpreters. CORE Interpreters was founded by Caitlin Ramsey Wolford, who is passionate about providing a space where interpreters can support one another in professional growth and networking opportunities. The meaning of CORE Interpreters is defined below:

Colleague Advancement: "Mentoring for everyone"
Outreach: "Sharing the knowledge"
Resources: "Equipping interpreters"
Ethics: "A principled approach to interpreting"

The coincidence that AD is able to partner with CORE is not missed by our team as our company *core* values are what we strive to embody and exemplify through our work everyday. We are grateful for the work that Caitlin has done to lay a strong foundation of a proven published curriculum to offer the next generation of interpreters a space to grow. So how is AD partnering with CORE Interpreters? AD is sponsoring any economically disadvantaged mentees to access the mentorship cycle to which they have been accepted.

CORE Interpreters operates in six locations nationwide: Washington, D.C.
Lansing, Michigan
Denver, Colorado
Atlanta, Georgia
Austin, Texas
Jacksonville, Florida

Historically, CORE Interpreters has absorbed the sponsorship needs for Mentees who are interested in being part of CORE but are unable to afford the program. Since the establishment of CORE Interpreters in 2017, the Founder has provided multiple scholarships to Mentees across the nation. In doing so, CORE has valued Mentee participation over organizational stability. This has led to financial stress on the

organization. The Founder of CORE sought financial support for Mentees in the form of a nationwide scholarship from organizations in the interpreting field. Applied Development (AD) was eager to support this endeavor. The leadership at AD recognizes the power of this proven mentorship curriculum and sees this opportunity to provide that financial sponsorship support as a huge win-win for our community at large. If we can, together, increase the number of interpreters who are able to access this mentorship curriculum, and increase the reach of the CORE Interpreters program, we will create a more sustainable future for interpreters who are trained holistically to be conscious professionals.

This partnership is a symbol of hope for the future of our field and we look forward to sharing updates on this opportunity to support interpreters and the Deaf community.

To learn more or apply to the CORE Interpreters program, please visit their website: https://www.coreinterpreters.com/





Image: Caitlin Ramsey Wolford & CORE Interpreters workbook "Interpreters Supporting Interpreters"

How to access the scholarship application form:

Here is the link to the google form application on the AD site. Please note that it's hard to find on the current AD website (Kate will be working on efforts to redesign this in the near future). Below is the link to AD's website: https://applied-dev.com/work-with-us/. Make sure to go all the way down to the bottom of the page where you will see the "Click here" button. It's hard to find find but you will be looking for the following:

"Applied Development is committed to our core values: yearn to learn, do the right thing, connected community and delighting our customers. In the spirit of embodying our core values, we have partnered with CORE Interpreter Mentorship Program to offer sponsorship to interpreters who are committed to growing their skills and developing a network among other interpreters through mentorship, community-based learning and partnership with the Deaf community. Click here to learn more about the CORE Mentorship program. If you have been accepted to a CORE mentorship cycle and are interested in applying for sponsorship, please apply today by clicking here."

You can also access the application via the below google form link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeZ1nwRJsstUQuTcVoBq4USeya_p2Netk SLZK6KEPw7r-r4RA/viewform

Questions regarding this sponsorship?
Email Ame Lanasa at <u>alanasa@applied-dev.com</u>

Questions regarding CORE Interpreters and the mentorship program? Email Caitlin Ramsey Wolford at <u>coreinterpretersusa@gmail.com</u>



ID: 5 people standing and smiling. From left to right we have Kathleen O'Regan (she/her) AD's Executive Director of the Reasonable Accommodations, Ame Lanasa (they/them) AD's Utility Staff Interpreter & Lead Mentor, Caitlin Ramsey Wolford (she/her) CORE Founder and Owner, Kimberly Citizen (she/her) AD's Co-founder & CEO, and Biffery Braxton AD's Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer



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