

Access to Justice Fund

Assurance of Compliance and Eligibility to Participate Criteria

The Access to Justice (ATJ) Campaign raises money for programs with a primary mission of providing civil legal services to low-income clients or for the benefit of low-income clients. The Access to Justice Campaign does not seek designated contributions, however, when a donor chooses to designate to an eligible program, the designation will be honored, although Program's receipt of the funds remains subject to these eligibility requirements.

Programs for which distribution of ATJ Fund donations may be made and/or designated contributions may be received, must certify it meets the criteria outlined below. Meeting this criterion is a condition precedent to the receipt of each distribution.

Definition of Terms used in this document:

Program can refer to an entire organization and also includes legal services programs within a multi-program organization if the organization can demonstrate that the funds are being used for the civil legal services program.

Civil legal services to low-income individuals or organizations includes programs that provide free direct legal services (including self-help assistance), legal information, advocacy, training, and support.

Low-income is defined as no more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Organizations serving low-income individuals means an organization which applies a means test to document whether beneficiaries are low-income.

_____ (hereafter referred to as "Program") certifies the following:

1. The Program is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt charitable entity and are not currently under investigation by the I.R.S or any other governmental entity.
2. The Program will restrict the use of ATJ Funds to the delivery of free civil legal services (as defined above) to (i) low-income individuals and to (ii) organization serving low-income clients.
3. The Program agrees to follow the ATJ Campaign policies adopted and periodically updated by the ATJ Fund Steering Committee and MSBF Board.
4. The Executive Director of the organization or designee will participate on the ATJ Fund Steering Committee.
5. The Program will identify appropriate individuals within the organization to participate in the ATJ Fund Participating Program calls.
6. The Program must not discriminate on the basis of race, marital status, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin.
7. The Program has provided the Foundation with a copy of its current Michigan Charitable Solicitation License or a copy of its letter from the Attorney General's office that the program is currently exempt from charitable solicitation license requirements.
8. The Program acknowledges that it has an ongoing responsibility to notify MSBF if it no longer meets any of the criteria outlined above.

*Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

*This Agreement may be executed by a handwritten signature or by an electronic signature.