



CCPDT® Need-Based CPDT-KA® Scholarship Program

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers® represents over 5,000 dog training professionals who proudly carry a CCPDT credential. These professionals know first-hand how individuals, employers, and consumers benefit from voluntary certification and how credentials are essential to growth and progress.

Our certification exams allow professional dog trainers to demonstrate competence in the field, adherence to professional standards of practice, and a commitment to continuing education.

The CCPDT is committed to providing access to our certification exams to training professionals who may not have the financial means to pursue voluntary certification. Therefore, the CCPDT will begin offering a limited number of need-based scholarships to qualified CPDT-KA candidates in 2023.

Mission

To provide candidates who desire to become a certified professional dog trainer with the opportunity to sit for the Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA) certification exam.

Purpose

To reduce barriers for qualified candidates who meet the eligibility requirements but are otherwise unable to register for the CPDT-KA exam due to financial limitations.

Scholarship Application

The need-based scholarship covers the \$400 CPDT-KA examination fee for initial certification only during the next available testing period. The scholarship cannot be applied to recertification and does not cover late or transfer fees. The scholarship cannot be applied to previous testing periods.

Scholarship applications must be received no later than 30 days from the first CPDT-KA application deadline for the testing period for which the scholarship will be applied.

To apply, candidates must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements for taking the examination; including minimum hours of training, a signed Attestation Statement, and adherence to CCPDT Policies, Practices, and Positions.
- Be actively working a minimum of 20 hours per week as a dog training professional (paid or volunteer).
- Complete and submit the attached scholarship application with a 500-word essay describing why the certification is important to you, your financial need, and how

you will benefit from the certification. Applications must include the candidate's legal name (as shown on government-issued ID), address, phone number, and email address for any questions and notification of scholarship decision.

- Not receive reimbursement of any kind from any source for the CPDT-KA certification exam fees

Scholarship Award

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, professional goals, and experience in the industry.

Applications are reviewed and scored blind (all personally identifiable information redacted) by CCPDT volunteers and are approved by the CCPDT Board of Directors. All decisions are final. Previous applicants who were not awarded a scholarship are eligible to reapply.

Additional Details

Candidates selected to receive a CCPDT scholarship must submit a CPDT-KA exam application for the next available testing period on or before the published application deadline. If the application is subject to late fees, the candidate is responsible for paying the fee. The scholarship award does not guarantee approval of the exam application and is not transferrable to a future testing period.

Candidates who do not meet the application deadline or pay applicable late fees or whose application is not approved forfeit the scholarship award. The scholarship cannot be applied to a future testing period as a transfer, even with the payment of the transfer fee. The scholarship award has no cash value and will not be awarded as payment to the candidate under any circumstance.

If the candidate is found to have received reimbursement of any kind for the exam fee in addition to the scholarship award, the application will be denied and the scholarship forfeited. If the candidate has already taken the exam, the candidate will be responsible for reimbursing CCPDT the full exam fee of \$400 and their certification will be revoked.

By submitting a scholarship application, the candidate grants CCPDT permission to use the essay without personally identifiable information in whole or in part for any purpose via any communication medium. CCPDT reserves the right to suspend or end the scholarship program at any time at its sole discretion.

Please email info@ccpdt.org with questions.



CCPDT Scholarship Application

Please provide all the information listed below. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. You must submit your scholarship application no later than 30 days from the first CPDT-KA application deadline.

NOTE: All personally identifiable information (first name, last name, street address, phone, & email) will be redacted from your scholarship application prior to its submission to the Scholarship Committee.

Application Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Years as a dog trainer (paid or volunteer): _____

What was your gross household income in the most recent tax year? _____

How many people are in your household? _____

(include yourself, your spouse/partner, children, other family members)

____ I confirm that I am not receiving reimbursement of any kind from any source for the CPDT-KA application fee.

____ I confirm that I have read the information contained in the application packet and agree to abide by the rules as presented.

____ I confirm that the information provided in my scholarship application is true.

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In 500 words or less, please share your experience as a dog trainer, your financial need, why CCPDT certification is important to you, and how you will benefit from the certification:*

** Essays will be cut off at 500 words before submission to the Scholarship Committee.*

Email your completed application to info@ccpdt.org. You will be notified of the status of your scholarship application no less than 2 weeks from the first CPDT-KA application deadline.