

4. Please briefly summarize in a separate document your current experience assisting crime victims. Provide position, organization, responsibilities, and dates of service. State why you want to attend the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy and how your participation will be of benefit to you (professionally and personally), your organization, and your community. Please limit your response to no more than three pages.

5. Name, work phone number and e-mail address of your current supervisor:

6. Your signature below signifies your commitment to attend the full 40 plus hour course and make all travel arrangements accordingly.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

7. Please mail the original copy of your completed application form along with the information requested in number four above to:

Connie Chapman
ACVS AVAA
P.O. Box 4600
Phoenix, AZ 85030
Fax: 602-534-4540

Questions? Contact:
Cindy Heard
Phone: 602-421-9354
Email: acvsavaa@yahoo.com

Application due date – 5:00 p.m., April 18, 2008

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy warmly welcomes bilingual applicants. Please note, however, that all Academy sessions will be conducted in English.

8. Please type or print clearly below your name as you would like it to appear on your Certificate of Completion.

Name: _____

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• Crimes Against the Elderly • Drunk Driving & Victimization • Cultural Competency • Homicide
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Arizona Victim Assistance Academy

June 8 - 13, 2008

Application

“Amazing amount of information that provides a great foundation for the work of advocates.”

2007 Academy Participant



ARIZONA VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA) offers a rare opportunity to live, work, study and interact with victim service providers from all areas of advocacy. While it is assumed that students have had previous training in their area of specialization, this course provides a fundamental overview of the entire field of advocacy including victimology, victim rights, and victims' assistance for residents in Arizona.

AVAA Goals

1. To provide a broad spectrum of basic advocacy training which will standardize the training of crime victim advocates in Arizona.
2. To expand and enhance the level of professionalism within the victim services field.
3. To provide an opportunity to network with other victim service providers.
4. To increase participants' knowledge of national, state, and local resources.

AVAA Location

Flagstaff, Arizona is an ideal site for the AVAA as it sits in the heart of the nation's largest ponderosa forest and it is blessed with a mild summer climate and an incredible view of the San Francisco Peaks.

The Radisson Woodlands, the location of the Academy, provides state-of-the-art seminar space, spacious rooms and lots of amenities, including in-room Internet access and a business center.

Who Should Attend?

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy encourages the attendance of individuals from victim service organizations and other agencies that serve crime victims. This includes volunteers and paid staff from a variety of community-based and system-based programs. The Academy is designed primarily for victim service providers who are new to the field of advocacy with a minimum of one year of experience; however, advocates with more experience may also find the Academy beneficial. Experienced advocates have reported being re-energized after attending the Academy. Past attendees have also expressed appreciation for learning about a broad spectrum of advocacy topics that have enabled them to assist victims in a professional and effective manner. Volunteers in the field with a minimum of twelve months active volunteer experience are welcome to apply.



Photo Credit: Radisson Woodlands

Application Process

An application is included with this brochure. Please share this announcement with other victim service providers who wish to apply to the Academy. The blank application form may be copied. In order to be eligible for acceptance into the Academy, applicants must submit a completed application, along with a \$500 registration fee. Both must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2008. The registration fee may be paid by check or credit card through a PayPal account. If for some reason you are not chosen to participate in the Academy, your registration fee will be refunded within 30 days.

Send application to:

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ACVS AVAA
P.O. Box 4600 Phoenix, AZ 85030

Questions? Contact:

Cindy Heard, Academy Project Director
Phone: 602-421-9354
Email: acvsavaa@yahoo.com

Academy Costs and Time Frames

All students must arrive and register for the Academy at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Check-in for the hotel room is not until 4:00 p.m. The Hotel will store your luggage until you are able to check in to your room. The Academy will close on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Students **must** attend the entire Academy. The total cost to students for registration will be \$500. This fee includes all course materials, breakfast and lunches for the week. Hotel and dinner costs are not included. The hotel cost is \$81.00 per night plus tax. Hotel reservation must be made by May 19, 2008 in order to receive the special rate.

Academy Scholarships

- OVC TTAC: Full scholarships for registration, room and board are available. Applications are due 60 days in advance. To obtain an application visit the website: www.ovcttac.org/taResources/scholarships.cfm
- DPS VOCA & ACJC: If your agency receives VOCA or ACJC Victim Assistance grant funding, these funds may be used for travel and attendance at the AVAA. Contact your DPS VOCA or ACJC Coordinator.
- APAAC: **Prosecuting Agencies Only.** Prosecuting agency employees and volunteers can apply for an APAAC scholarship by submitting a letter of request on agency letterhead signed by the head of the agency by no later than the close of business, May 23, 2008. For more information contact Ed Cook: 602-265-4779.
- AVAA: Partial Scholarships in the amount of \$375 are available. Submit a financial need letter on agency letterhead with the AVAA application. The letter should include an explanation of the need for financial assistance, the anticipated benefits of Academy attendance for the individual and the agency, and an explanation of why agency funds could not pay for the \$500 registration fee.

NOVA Credentialing Training Hours

The AVAA meets the requirements for the 40 hours of core curriculum for preservice training required by NOVA for the National Advocate Credentialing Program. Other criteria may be required in addition to the 40 hour training to receive NOVA certification. Please contact NOVA at <http://www.trynova.org> for additional information about the National Advocate Credentialing Program.

Academy Partnership and Faculty

The AVAA is proud to be partnered with Northern Arizona University. NAU Faculty will instruct alongside Field Experts from around the State, providing a rich educational foundation grounded in practical application.

Academy Curriculum

An intensive comprehensive Arizona Academy text covering 18 subjects has been developed to serve as the Academy's curriculum. Attendees must attend the entire program and participate in all working group sessions, including evening sessions, or a certificate will not be awarded.

Academy Credit Option

Participants have the option of earning undergraduate academic credits through Mesa Community College. Three academic credits will be granted upon completion of the Academy and all requisite conditions.

Participants seeking academic credits are responsible for paying the course tuition in addition to the AVAA registration fee. Interested parties can contact Elyn Ness at Mesa Community College at eness@mail.mc.maricopa.edu or 480-461-7050 to obtain the course registration information.

Certificate of Graduation

Upon successful completion of the entire Academy, including participation in all Academy sessions, participants will be awarded a certificate from the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services. This certificate can then be used to apply for NOVA credentialing.



2008 Arizona Victim Assistance Academy Application Flagstaff, Arizona June 8 - 13, 2008

Name: _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency/Department: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ County: _____

Number of years of direct victim service: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Education/Degree(s): _____ Year: _____ Major: _____

I am interested in receiving three units of undergraduate credit from:
MCC Yes No

Scholarship Requested (Check only one)

AVAA DPS VOCA APAAC OVC

Please include all of the materials requested below. All application materials should be typed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Select the jurisdiction and one category below that best describes the type of organization you represent:

Jurisdiction: Federal State City/County Private/Nonprofit

Criminal Justice

- Police/Sheriff-based
- Prosecution-based
- Court-based
- Probation-based
- Corrections-based
- Parole-based
- Juvenile Justice-based

Community/Nonprofit

- All Victims
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse
- Drunk Driving
- Homicide Support
- Missing/Exploited Children
- Elderly Victims

Additional Agencies

- Youth Services
- Native Americans
- Religious
- Hospital/Medical
- State VOCA Ass. Staff
- State Victim Comp Staff
- Other _____

2. Please indicate the types of victims that you primarily serve below. (Check no more than three boxes.)

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Missing/Exploited Children
- Special Needs/Victims with Disabilities
- Drunk Driving
- Assault/Robbery
- Elderly Abuse
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Native Americans
- Property/Economic Crime/Fraud
- Other _____

3. Please indicate the types of services that you primarily provide for crime victims in your current position. (Check no more than five boxes.)

- Crisis Intervention
- 24-hour Hotline
- Emergency Medical
- Shelter
- Transportation
- Short-term Counseling
- Long-term Counseling
- Criminal Justice System Advocacy
- Court Accompaniment
- Restitution Assistance
- Notification
- Child Care
- Compensation Claim Assistance
- Legal Advocacy
- Information/Referral
- Training & Technical Assistance
- Victim Impact Statement
- Other _____

