

Friendly Lawyers Association

CLE Financial Hardship Policy

A financial hardship discount to attend an event organized by the Friendly Lawyers Association may be available to all Illinois attorneys in good standing who are unemployed or underemployed and/or have other financial hardships. The Friendly Lawyers Association offers a reduced tuition to allow attorneys experiencing financial hardship to fulfill their mandatory education requirement. The application form is attached.

Additional Information

1. The fees charged by the Friendly Lawyers Association for continuing legal education programs and seminars reflect the Friendly Lawyers Association's commitment to the availability of affordable quality CLE programs to members of the bar-at-large.
2. Requests for a discounted tuition for Friendly Lawyers Association sponsored CLE programs shall be made in writing and submitted to the Friendly Lawyers Association at business@friendly-lawyers.com in advance of one (1) week before the date on which the CLE course or program is to be held. Applications received less than one (1) week before the program will not be considered.
3. Financial hardship discounts may be applied **only** toward price of CLE tuition.
4. Attorneys receiving the discounts are responsible for any other costs of attending a CLE program.
5. The Friendly Lawyers Association CLE Financial Hardship Committee will reply by email, within five (5) business days from the date on which the application was received, provided the application has been timely submitted. Please contact Friendly Lawyers Association using the contact information listed below, if a reply is not received five (5) business days from when the application was submitted.
6. Financial hardship discounts will not be granted retroactively.
7. Financial hardship discounts are non-transferable from program to program, person to person or product to product.
8. Financial hardship discounts will not be granted for distance learning CLE programming.
9. The application must also contain a statement of the economic hardship detailing the circumstances surrounding the hardship. All requests made pursuant to these guidelines shall remain confidential.
10. A financial hardship discount may only be requested and used once in a calendar year per applicant.
11. Registrants of Friendly Lawyers Association events and programs are limited to one discount when multiple discounts are available.

