

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

## ROSTER OF CERTIFIED MEDIATORS FOR ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURTS

This application is to be completed by persons who wish to be eligible to serve as compensated mediators for Arkansas Circuit Courts. Act 1179 of 2003 (codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 16-7-202) gives circuit and appellate court judges the discretionary authority to order any civil, juvenile, probate or domestic relations case to mediation.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-7-104, the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission is responsible for the certification, professional conduct, discipline, and training of persons eligible and qualified to serve as compensated mediators for the courts. Certification by the Commission is required to mediate court ordered cases in Arkansas Circuit Courts, unless the court authorizes the party's selection of a non-certified mediator.

In order to be granted certification by the Commission, applicants must meet the standards set forth in the Commission's *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*.

Applications for certification will be reviewed as they are received. You will be notified of your certification status once all information has been verified and the background checks have been completed. No one should hold himself or herself out as a certified mediator until the Commission grants the applicant of such status.

**Your application will not be processed without all required materials.** Included in the required materials are an Authorization and Release Form, Arkansas State Police Individual Record Check Form, and Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry Background Check Request instructions.

In the event there is an issue with an applicant's background checks, standing with another licensing entity, or anything falling under "good moral conduct," the application is flagged as discretionary and will be reviewed by the full Commission. If you believe your application will be discretionary, you may want to contact Commission staff prior to submission.

Certification must be renewed annually. The deadline for renewal is August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. To renew certification all mediators must submit a certification renewal form, provide proof of completion of 6 hours of continuing mediation education credits for the reporting period, and pay a \$75 renewal fee.

Certified mediators are required to maintain statistical information on all court ordered cases mediated. The form is available on the Commission's website at <https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/adr/certified-mediators>

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission does not accept incomplete applications. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicants *without processing.*

**Documentation of Training**

All applicants must provide proof of training from a Commission approved course.

- Training Certificate
- Letter of completion
- Certified letter or copy of transcript from law school or university

**Documentation of Degree**

- Certified copy of transcript
- Attorneys licensed in Arkansas need only provide their Arkansas Bar number

**Documentation of Observations/ Co-mediations/ Mediations**

- You must complete two observations, co-mediations, or mediations for each type of certification for which you have applied.
- Observations, co-mediations or mediations will only be accepted if they were done after completion of training requirements.
- Documentation may include the observation form, a redacted agreement to mediate, memo from attorney or party verifying you mediated, or other written verification.

**Certification/Background Check Fee of \$75.00**

- Make check or money order (no cash or credit cards) payable to the Arkansas ADR Commission. *Please ensure your check is signed & dated.*

**Arkansas State Police Background Check Release Form**

- Must be signed by applicant and notarized.  
*Please use Home Mailing Address and include Race, Sex, Driver's License #, and State of issuance.*

**Arkansas Child Maltreatment Registry Check Form**

- Applicant must access the [Central Registry Request Form Generator](#) on the DHS website to generate your request form. Submit the completed and notarized form with the application for certification. See link below for details.

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/children-family-services/request-a-child-maltreatment-check/>

**Authorization and Release Form**

**Signature of Applicant**

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

## Roster of Certified Mediators for Circuit Courts

### PART I: INDICATE THE CATEGORIES OF CERTIFICATION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

- CIVIL                                       PROBATE
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS       JUVENILE

### PART II: TEMPORARY OR EXPEDITED CERTIFICATION

Applicants must provide documentation verifying eligibility for the follow:

I am applying for **temporary certification** because:

- I am an active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas.  
 I am a military veteran applying within one year of discharge from active duty.  
 I am the spouse of an active duty military service member or military veteran.

I am applying for certification and request the Commission **expedite the process** because:

- I am an active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas.  
 I am a military veteran applying within one year of discharge from active duty.  
 I am the spouse of an active duty military service member or military veteran.

### PART III: PERSONAL INFORMATION

The name, address and telephone number of all certified mediators are posted to the ADR Commission's website:  
<https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/adr/certified-mediators>

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                                      First                                      Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or Business

2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                                      State                                      Zip Code

3. Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART IV: TRAINING

Attach copies of certificates, letters, or transcripts confirming completion of each course.

### A. Record of Basic or Civil Mediation Training

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trainer/Provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Record of Family Mediation Training *(if applicable)*

Type of Mediation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trainer/Provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Record of Juvenile Mediation Training *(if applicable)*

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trainer/Provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Training Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART V: EDUCATION

1. List Colleges and universities attended and attach certified transcripts. If you are an attorney licensed by the Arkansas Supreme Court you are not required to submit transcripts.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Degree Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Degree Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. For applicants who wish to apply based on experience in the field of mediation, attach documentation of your experience with an explanation of how you *have substantial, demonstrated, and satisfactory knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience as a mediator in the applicable field of mediation.*
4. If you have not attained a master's degree or higher, and are applying for certification in the domestic relations division, attach documentation of at least two years work experience in family and marriage issues. If applying for certification in the juvenile division, attach documentation of at least two years work experience in family and juvenile issues.

## **PART VI: PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

Attach Verification of Observation forms completed by each mediator with whom you observed or with whom you co-mediated attesting to your observations or co-mediations. For mediations you conducted, attach a copy of the Agreement to Mediate or a memo from one of the participants attesting that you mediated, the date of the mediation, and the type of case.

Please note that cases mediated in Arkansas District Court or Federal Court do not satisfy this requirement.

## **PART VII: OCCUPATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. What is/was your primary occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

2.. Please list all professional affiliations which you consider relevant to your application.

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## **PART VIII: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. What language(s), other than English, do you speak fluently (Please include American Sign Language)?

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2. What is your customary hourly fee? \_\_\_\_\_

- Sliding Scale Available
- Travel Reimbursement Required
- Pro bono mediation

## PART IX: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

If you answer yes to any of the following, attach documentation fully explaining the circumstances. Also see the **Addendum to the Application for the Certification of Mediators** for additional information.

1. Have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of the law? This includes disclosing traffic violations resulting in suspension or revocation of a driver's license and DWI/DUI offenses.  
 No       Yes
  
2. Have you ever applied and been rejected by any board for a certification, licensure, or registration?  
 No       Yes
  
3. Have you been disciplined by any professional organization or licensing entity?  
 No       Yes
  
4. Have your professional privileges been curtailed at any time?  
 No       Yes
  
5. Have you relinquished a professional privilege or license while under investigation?  
 No       Yes

## PART X: FEES

The application fee is \$75. **Please make your check or money order payable to the Arkansas ADR Commission.**

*There will be a \$30 service charge for any returned check*

## PART XI: ASSURANCES

I certify that the information supplied in this application is accurate, that to the best of my knowledge I qualify for the category of certification for which I have applied. I understand that all information herein is subject to verification.

I understand that by completing this application I am giving my permission to the Arkansas ADR Commission to perform an individual background check with law enforcement authorities. The results of such an investigation will be used only in considering my suitability for Certification.

I understand and agree that falsification or material omission of information on this application, or in the application process, is the basis for denial, restriction or loss of certification, whenever discovered.

I certify that I have read the enclosed *Requirements for the Conduct of Mediation and Mediators* and do swear or affirm that I will abide by those standards. Furthermore, I certify that I have read and understand the Commission's *Requirements for the Certification of Mediators for Circuit Courts*. If this application for certification is approved, I agree to abide by the policies and regulations set forth by the Arkansas ADR Commission and all subsequent amendments.

In addition, I understand that to gain and maintain certification I must provide statistical information to the ADR Commission on an annual basis. I also understand that I am obligated as a condition of my certification to ensure that Client Evaluation forms are provided to all of my clients referred from the courts.

I agree to notify the Commission promptly should any professional license I hold be revoked, or should I be disciplined by any governing body of an applicable agency. I agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Arkansas and the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for purposes of fulfilling my obligation to comply with the Commission's Guidelines.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Return completed application, supporting documents, and fee to:**

**Arkansas ADR Commission**

625 Marshall Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: (501) 682-9400 Fax: (501) 682-9410

Web: <http://arcourts.gov/administration/adr>

## PART XII: AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM

Please check any that apply, complete the relevant information, and sign below.

**Attorney Applicants:** I hereby authorize and request that the Board of Professional Conduct of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, and/or the disciplinary agency of any other state in which I am licensed or have been licensed to practice, provide to the Arkansas ADR Commission information on all disciplinary complaints filed against me, including those administratively dismissed by the Board or any other agency, and those resulting in non-public discipline.

Arkansas Attorney License # \_\_\_\_\_

If licensed to practice law in other states, please complete the following:

STATE	Name of Licensing/Disciplinary Body
Address and Phone Number	
ID#	

**Other Applicants:** I hereby authorize the licensing or disciplinary agency(s) listed below, to provide to the Arkansas ADR Commission information regarding the status of my license and all disciplinary complaints ever filed against me, including those administratively dismissed by such agency or resulting in non-public discipline.

Arkansas Professional License/Certification/Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

List name, address, and phone number of the Arkansas licensing agency:


If licensed in other states, please complete the following:

STATE	Name of Licensing/Disciplinary Agency
Address and Phone Number	
ID#	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MEDIATORS

*Procedure for applicants for certification or renewal of certification who have been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of the law, disciplined by a professional organization, had professional privileges curtailed, and/or have relinquished any professional privilege or license while under investigation.*

- A. Applicants for certification with the Arkansas ADR Commission must acknowledge the following information: (1) convictions of, guilty pleas to, or nolo contendere pleas to violations of the law, including traffic violations resulting in suspension or revocation of a driver's license and DUI offenses; (2) discipline by a professional organization; (3) curtailment of professional privileges; (4) relinquishment of any professional privilege or license while under investigation. An applicant against whom any of the above actions are pending shall likewise acknowledge this fact.
- B. Upon request of the Arkansas ADR Commission, the applicant must amend his/her application to provide (1) information concerning the background of the offense which led to conviction, plea, discipline, curtailment of professional privileges and/or relinquishment of professional privilege or license; (2) information concerning the length of time which has elapsed since the conviction, plea, discipline, curtailment and/or relinquishment; (3) the age of the applicant at the time of the conviction, plea, discipline, curtailment and/or relinquishment; (4) evidence of rehabilitation since the conviction, plea, discipline, curtailment and/or relinquishment.
- C. The applicant may be asked to appear before the Arkansas ADR Commission to discuss the information contained within the petition. The Commission will make a determination as to whether the applicant should be certified or have certification renewed.
- D. If an applicant for certification or renewal of certification fails to acknowledge (1) that he/she has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of the law, including traffic violations resulting in suspension or revocation of a driver's license and DUI offenses; (2) that he/she has been disciplined by a professional organization; (3) that he/she has had his/her professional privileges curtailed; (4) that he/she has relinquished any professional privilege or license while under investigation; or (5) that any such actions are pending, the Arkansas ADR Commission will immediately notify the applicant for certification or renewal of certification that he/she will be denied certification or renewal of certification **or, if currently certified, removed from certification.**
- E. An adverse decision may be appealed to the full Commission within thirty days of the date of such decision. The Commission may grant a hearing to the applicant.

# ARKANSAS ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

## Verification of Observation Form

### SECTION I BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Name of Observer:

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2. Name of Mediator:

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### SECTION II OBSERVATION INFORMATION

1. Date(s) of Observation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nature of Case:

Civil

Probate

Domestic Relations

Juvenile

3. Length of Mediation: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did the observer actively participate in the debriefing session following the mediation? Yes  No  If no, please explain:

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5. Additional Comments:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Mediator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Submitting an Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry Background Check Request

There are three stages involved with receiving results for an Arkansas (AR) Child Maltreatment Central Registry Background Check:

1. AR Child Maltreatment Central Registry Request Form Generator
2. AR Child Maltreatment Central Registry Request Form Upload
3. Online Payment

Details of each stage are outlined below. Please read the details of all stages before accessing the link below to generate your AR Child Maltreatment Central Registry Request Form

### Stage 1: Arkansas (AR) Child Maltreatment Central Registry Form Generator Process

1. After reading through all three stages and their associated steps below, access the [Central Registry Request Form Generator](#) to generate your request form.

**Note: You will be prompted to pay a \$10.00 fee if you select a line other than:**

**You are an out of state individual, provider, school, or state agency.**

2. Once you are on the AR Child Maltreatment Central Registry Request Form web page, complete each required field (required fields denoted by an asterisk).
3. Once all required fields are completed, click 'Submit Form' button.
4. The completed request form will be emailed to the email address you entered on the AR Child Maltreatment Central Registry Request Form web page.
5. Click "Review and Sign" after you have read the email instructions.
6. Once you've signed the form electronically, you will be emailed the signed request form.
7. Download the signed request form and save it to a place on your device where you can easily locate it.

### Stage 2: Arkansas (AR) Child Maltreatment Central Registry Form Upload Process

1. Once you have downloaded the request form, access the Central Registry Form Uploader to send your file to the Central Registry Team using the links below:
  - You can upload a **single request** [here](#).
  - You can upload **multiple requests** (up to 10 requests) using our Multi-Submission [here](#).

2. Click 'Browse' under 'Signed Request File' to search your computer and upload the signed copy of the form. (For multi-submissions, you must upload a signed form for each request). The signed form should consist of a minimum of three (3) pages and both pages must be uploaded.
3. Click 'Submit and Pay.'
4. You will then be automatically redirected to the payment webpage (Ark Gov Pay) if a payment is required.

### **Stage 3: Online Payment**

1. Select a Payment Type.
2. Complete the customer information and payment information sections to pay the central registry check fee outlined below:
  - For single requests: \$10.00 for the child maltreatment request + a \$1.00 online processing fee
  - For multiple requests paid by credit card: \$10.00 for each child maltreatment request + 3% of request total amount + an online processing fee of \$2
  - For multiple requests paid by e-Check: \$10.00 for each child maltreatment request + a processing fee of \$2
3. If you are a non-profit, Click 'Browse' under 'Additional Files' and upload a copy of your 501(C)(3) verification. Please note that the child maltreatment requests for non-profits cannot be processed without verification of non-profit status.
4. If you are indigent, click 'Browse' under 'Additional Files' and upload verification showing you are indigent.
5. Click 'Submit Payment.'
6. You will receive a confirmation email verifying submission of your request and completed payment.
7. Registry check results are emailed via encrypted email to the entity identified in the 'Results Should Be Released To' section of the form submission request.

Results Should Be Released To:  
**Arkansas ADR Commission**  
**Stephanie H. Smith, Coordinator**  
[adrcommission@arcourts.gov](mailto:adrcommission@arcourts.gov)



# ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

ASP-122  
(Eff. 09/21/2022)

## Identification Bureau Individual Record Check Request Form

Please mark the box if this background check is for U.S. VISA purposes only and requires an Apostille Letter

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last name First name Middle name Jr/Sr/III*

\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
*List ALL other names ever used (married, maiden, shortened, etc)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Month/Day/Year)*

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*State*

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street or P.O. Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP*

### APPLICANT RECORD NOTIFICATION

**Change, Correction, or Updating:** Procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an FBI criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34 and/or Arkansas Code §12-12-1013.

I give my consent for the Arkansas State Police to conduct a criminal record search on myself and release any results to the following person or entity:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(First/MI/Last Name) Month/Day/Year*

Release to: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(First/MI/Last Name) or Full Name of Agency*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP*

Daytime Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### **THIS PROPERLY COMPLETED FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public