



## Special Education Training Scholarships COUNCIL OF PARENT ATTORNEYS AND ADVOCATES (COPAA) SEAT 1.0™, Beginning Advocacy

Please be sure to read about this training, including the syllabus,  
at the official COPAA website: <https://www.copaa.org/page/SEAT>

The Vermont DD Council announces  
**Scholarships for  
special education training**  
through the Council of Parent Attorneys and  
Advocates (COPAA)

This SEAT 1.0™ training will be offered:  
**Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
August 3, 2020 to October 12, 2020  
(except September 7)**

Scholarships will be awarded to up to 12 family members who support a child or teen with a disability. The award includes full tuition, a free copy of the required text, and a one-year membership in COPAA. The application deadline for this session is **May 30, 2020 with awards announced by June 3, 2020**. Please note that the COPAA website may indicate that the session is “closed,” but slots have been saved for Vermont participants.

### How is this training conducted?

All COPAA trainings are offered as interactive, on-line courses. These are live classes using webinar technology, so access to the internet and a computer are required. If you do not have a home computer or internet access, VTDDC can work with you to find a public computer, perhaps at your local library or designated agency for developmental services.



### What does the training cover?

SEAT 1.0™ is an introduction to advocacy for education services for children and youth with disabilities. It is designed for family members new to special education advocacy. However, the curriculum is rich and would be appropriate for family members who have a basic knowledge of special education rules.

Please be sure to review the syllabus at <https://www.copaa.org/page/SEAT>

COPAA believes access to education is a civil right. The course focuses on key federal laws that protect access to education for students with disabilities. This training complements other excellent trainings offered by Vermont's family support organizations.

## If selected, what are my commitments?

Enrollment in SEAT 1.0™ training is a serious commitment. The course includes homework and even a test. The Council is investing about \$500 per scholarship.

### **The DD Council expects that you will:**

1. Attend all 10 classes and complete the assigned work.
2. Complete all course evaluations.
3. Use your training well on behalf of your student(s), your organization, and/or your community.



## How do I apply for a scholarship?

To apply, please complete [VTDDC's Special Education Training Scholarship Application](#). **Electronic submission by the May 30, 2020 deadline is fine**, but a signed copy should also be sent to:

The Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council  
100 State Street, Suite 342  
Montpelier, VT 05633-0206

## What if I am not selected?

Unfortunately, we anticipate more applications than we can fund. The Council is committed to a multi-year investment in this project and plans to provide another round of scholarships in 2021.



### **Questions? Please feel free to contact VTDDC.**

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