

Accredited FAPPS Process Server Policy
Florida Association of Professional Process Servers

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This Policy & Procedure Manual, amended from time to time by the Board of Directors shall be used in conjunction with the Bylaws of the Association.

Sec. 10 Accredited FAPPS Process Server

- Sec. 10.1 The designation of “Accredited FAPPS Process Server” (AFPS) shall be granted only to those persons who have met the following qualifications:
- a. Initial Accreditation:
 - 1. Be affiliated with the profession of process service.
 - 2. Attend the AFPS Formal Education Course.
 - 3. Pass the AFPS Formal Education Course written exam. (A minimum of 80% or as required by the licensing jurisdiction, whichever one is greater shall be considered a passing score.)
 - b. Continuing Accreditation: The designation of Accredited FAPPS Process Server shall be good for 12 months from the test date and shall be extended for one year upon proof of satisfaction of the following maintenance requirements:
 - 1. Compliance with the FAPPS Code of Ethics.
 - 2. Obtain and submit to the Formal Education Committee for approval, proof of a minimum of four hours of continuing education obtained in the one year period of AFPS designation. Proof of satisfaction of these requirements shall be the responsibility of the accredited person. Failure to maintain the continuing education requirements shall be sufficient cause for the removal of the accredited status from the registry of accredited persons on the FAPPS website and for the revocation of the FAPPS issued Certificate of Completion.
 - 3. After the initial two year re-accreditation period has expired for those who attended prior to 03/12/12, it will be necessary to take a refresher course and exam annually to continue the AFPS designation.
- Sec. 10.2 AFPS Designation - Those who fulfill the requirements as stated herein will be designated by FAPPS as an Accredited FAPPS Process Server and, while a member in good standing in FAPPS, will be eligible to use the AFPS designation with their names displayed on the FAPPS website. Non-members shall not use the AFPS designation.
- Sec. 10.3 Certificates - A Certificate of Completion shall be issued to everyone who attends the AFPS course and passes the exam.
- Sec. 10.4 Fees & Costs:
- a. The fees charged for attendance at the FAPPS Formal Education Program shall be \$75.00 per 4 hour class for licensed servers; \$50 per 4 hour class for clerical non-licensed individuals; \$180 per 16 hour class; and \$249 per 20 hour class. (Amended Special Board Meeting August 14, 2015).
 - b. A cancellation fee of \$25 will be deducted from all course fee refunds for registrants who fail to cancel in writing more than 14 days prior to the course/exam. All of the

course/exam fee will be forfeited for no-shows. If a registrant is not able to attend the course due to the death of a family member all monies will be refunded and their accreditation will have a six month extension before they must renew. This will not change their original renewal date.

- c. Instructors will be paid \$35/hour for each class hour actually taught. Travel will be reimbursed at the FAPPS standard mileage rate. If the total travel is in excess of 150 miles, one night's hotel room will be provided for the 4 or 8 hour class and two nights for the 16 or 20 hour class. No per diem is authorized. (Amended Board Meeting October 10, 2015).

Sec. 10.5 Reproduction of Course Materials - The AFPS course materials, nor any of the materials it contains, may not be copied, in whole or in part, or sold, loaned, gifted or otherwise distributed to any other person or company without expressed written consent of the FAPPS Formal Education Committee Chairperson.

Sec. 10.6 Location & Scheduling - The AFPS course/exam shall be offered statewide as demand dictates. Successful completion and a passing score of any course/exam given by a FAPPS Instructor will be considered equivalent to the AFPS course/exam and will meet the requirement needed to obtain the AFPS accreditation. It is the attendee's responsibility to submit to the Committee Chair the Certificate of Completion and a \$25.00 check for the initial administration cost to receive the AFPS accreditation. (Amended Board Meeting October 10, 2015).

Sec. 10.7 Administration & Oversight - The Formal Education Committee shall be responsible for the implementation, administration and oversight of the FAPPS Formal Education Program, and shall answer directly to the FAPPS Board.

Sec. 10.8 Instructor Qualifications (Amended Board Meeting July 23, 2016).

Prior to being accepted as a candidate the committee will determine if there is a need. All candidates will be required to fulfill the following:

- a. Be an active member of FAPPS, in good standing for 2 consecutive years. All candidates must be approved by the committee prior to starting the training.
- b. Must have 5 years minimum experience serving process and preparing affidavits in Florida (out of state experience does not count toward minimum).
- c. Prior teaching experience (in any discipline) is preferred but not mandatory.
- d. Show knowledge of FAPPS and its history and our involvement with the process server industry and related legislation.
- e. Must attend a minimum of 5 classes for training as follows:
 - 1. Two (2) as a student, observer and/or assistant.
 - 2. Three (3) to teach with supervision and be able to exhibit the ability to maintain the standards and qualifications of FAPPS/AFPS.
 - 3. Additional in-class training may be required.
- f. Pass the AFPS an instructor exam with a minimum of 90%.
- g. Attend an annual instructor review session.
- h. No compensation is authorized for any candidate during the training period.

- i. The chairperson or his/her designee will certify a candidate(s) completion of all requirements for the instructor designation to the board. The board then shall approve/disapprove of the instructor(s) at its earliest opportunity.
- j. The instructor qualification can be rescinded at any time at the discretion of the committee and approval of the Board