



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MEDIATORS

Requests for Waiver of Membership Requirement

In exceptional cases, applicants may be admitted to membership upon their request to submit alternative qualifications or to have a requirement waived. This will be considered when the applicant has demonstrated exceptional commitment and merit in the field of mediation. Such exceptions shall be reviewed on an individual basis by the Membership Committee and shall be approved by a three quarter vote of the full Board of Directors. (If requesting admission under this section, submit a detailed statement of the alternative qualifications claimed and the reason for requesting waiver of the standard requirements.)

The Board of Directors should consider the following factors when reviewing any membership application based on alternative qualifications:

1. The applicant's level of education at any accredited college or university.
2. The length and quality of the applicant's experience in any field or profession other than mediation.
3. The number of documented mediations the applicant has performed and/or the number of documented hours of the applicant's mediation experience.
4. The type(s) and amount of mediation training the applicant has received.
5. The type(s) and amount of continuing education in mediation the applicant has taken.
6. The length and quality of the applicant's voluntary service to the community as a mediator.
7. The length and quality of the applicant's voluntary service to the mediation profession and/or mediation organizations.
8. The applicant's scholarship in the field of mediation.

No applicant should be expected to attain a level of accomplishment as to every factor, but the Board of Directors should take into account the applicant's level of accomplishment, if any, as to each factor and base its decision on the applicant's overall level of accomplishment. The above list of factors is not exclusive, and the Board of Directors may consider other factors when reviewing a membership application based on alternative qualifications.