

**How many spots are available?**

We'll accept 55 and then go to a waitlist.

**Will you be offering an Advanced Track and am I able to attend ISEA if I've already attended ISEA?**

We will not be offering an advanced track and we do not allow past participants to enroll in ISEA for a second time. We anticipate hosting a reunion Institute for past ISEA participants in Winter of 2016. Information regarding that will be posted as soon as the details are finalized.

**How much is it and do you offer any discounts?**

Registration is \$995 for attorneys (CLE credit is anticipated, last year we were awarded 25 hours of credit from the Virginia State Bar) and \$795 for advocates, educator/advocates, and non-attorneys (CEU credit is anticipated, last year we were awarded 2.8 hours/28 contact hours) and non-credit seeking law students. Law students seeking credit pay the summer school tuition rate. The registration fee includes the opening reception, all lunches and scheduled breaks, over \$200.00 of materials, including books and multimedia training. Two or more advocates, educator/advocates, or attorneys from the same organization/office will receive a 10% discount on each registration. This discount does not apply to law students paying tuition for credit, the costs of which are mandated by the University.

**Do you offer financial aid?**

The Institute for Special Education Advocacy does not offer scholarships or financial aid. Some state Planning Councils or Developmental Disabilities Councils offer scholarships or funds for participation in conferences and short-term educational programs for advocates in the field of developmental disabilities. You may want to investigate funding available in your state. Go to the [National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities](http://www.nacdd.org/about-nacdd/councils-on-developmental-disabilities.aspx) (<http://www.nacdd.org/about-nacdd/councils-on-developmental-disabilities.aspx>). Click on the map for your state Council website to begin your search. (Example: [Oklahoma Consumer Involvement Fund](#) or the [Indiana Consumer Investment Fund](#).)

**Who is speaking and what are the topics?**

The following is a link to ISEA faculty from 2014. We anticipate most speakers will be participating again this year. Links for basic topics and a slide show can also be found on this page.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/ISEA/isea.2014.faculty.htm#faculty>

**How long are the sessions each day?**

**Generally** speaking, sessions run from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. We are planning on hosting optional evening sessions as well, from 7-8 PM. Attendance is required in **ALL** day sessions. We will post the conference agenda once it's finalized.

**Is there a schedule of sessions available?**

Not as of now. We will post it once it's finalized. Please refer to the "Who is speaking and what are the topics?" question above, for information regarding this, from last year's conference.

**Can I attend for part of the week?**

We do not offer one-day/partial rates, as we feel attendees will receive the greatest benefit by attending the entire course and experiencing the opportunity of networking with the speakers and attendees from other areas of the country. Our alumni group stays actively involved with one another, and we believe this is partially because everyone is together for the entire week.

**I'm not in the legal profession, do I have to answer questions on the application regarding special education law and citations?**

ALL questions require an answer. We are looking for an understanding of all of the various roles of attorneys and advocates in special education advocacy, as well as the difference between attorneys, advocates and paralegals.

**Do I have to answer questions directed at paralegals if I'm an attorney?**

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**I'm an attorney new to the field of advocacy. I can't get a letter of recommendation that speaks to my past experience as an advocate.**

Have someone speak to your interest in developing your special education advocacy practice and other outstanding qualities.

**Should my letters of recommendation come in with my application or separately?**

Generally they are sent in together, however you can do either.

**Can I use a Credit Card?**

Visa and Mastercard are accepted, but a 3.5% processing fee will be added to the cost of the course for those paying by credit card.

**I was wondering whether the program is appropriate for non-law students. In addition, could you tell me whether a law background is necessary or required to take part in the training?**

A law background is not necessary or required to take part in the training; however this is **not** an introductory course. It is intended for those with experience with special education advocacy already, who are seeking additional training, or law students or attorneys who do not have special education experience but do have a law background.

**Are room and board and meals included?**

Room and board is not included; however we have negotiated a reduced rate of \$129 with our hotel of choice, Embassy Suites, and will update our page with a link for registration, once that information is finalized. Lunch is provided and we will host a dinner on Wednesday evening at the Embassy Suites. Embassy Suites provides complimentary made to order breakfasts. You are responsible for all other meals.

**Am I required to stay at the Embassy Suites?**

You are not required to stay at the Embassy Suites; however we have found that attendees benefit greatly from the time spent networking with other attendees and speakers staying at the hotel. We have negotiated a reduced rate of \$129 with Embassy Suites. Should you choose not to stay at Embassy Suites, you are responsible for finding alternative lodging, as we are not familiar with rates of other hotels.