

Disclosures and Attestations

Individuals who apply for enrollment in the LSL Registry will be required to disclose information related to employment (“Disclosure Information”). Furthermore, in addition to adhering to the Academy’s **Principles of Professional Behavior and Rules of Conduct**, professionals who are pursuing LSLS certification and currently certified LSL Specialists (LSLS Cert. AVT or LSLS Cert. AVEd) are expected to agree to and sign the below group of statements in order to proceed towards eventual certification or maintain certification. The Disclosure Information section and the Attestations section of the application, as outlined in the LSL Registry, are indicated below. Within the LSL Registry, a professional will be asked to affirm (check yes) to the following disclosure questions:

DISCLOSURES

This AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language certification is not an employment application. Disclosure questions must be answered truthfully regardless of local employment laws or regulations.

By checking “yes” to any of the following disclosure questions below, you understand that you will be required to submit documentation that has been certified no earlier than six (6) months prior to the date all application materials are received by the AG Bell Academy. After receipt of all application materials, you will receive a request for certified documentation. The AG Bell Academy must receive this required certified documentation within 60 days of its request.

Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned, other than for insufficient professional or continuing education, by any professional association, professional licensing authority or board, or other professional regulatory body?

Have you ever been denied a license or professional credential by any professional association, professional licensing authority or board, or other professional regulatory body?

Have you ever been convicted; found guilty; entered a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*; or been granted an intervention in lieu of conviction, plea, or further investigation/final findings of allegations to:

- 1. Any misdemeanor involving dishonesty, physical harm to the person or property of another, or a threat of physical harm to the person or property of another or**
- 2. Any felony?**

Are you presently indicted on or charged with: 1) One or more misdemeanors involving dishonesty, physical harm to the person or property of another, or threat of physical harm to the person or property of another or 2) One or more felonies?

Note: *Checking yes to the question above will not automatically preclude certification. All relevant factors will be considered. An applicant may file with the AG Bell Academy, at any time, certified documentation demonstrating that the indictment(s) or charge(s) have been dismissed or otherwise resolved.*

ATTESTATIONS

A. I hereby apply for enrollment in the LSL Registry offered by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language.

B. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, complete, correct, and made in good faith. I understand that the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language reserves the right to verify any or all information on this application and that any incorrect or misleading information may constitute grounds

for rejection of my application, revocation of my certification, if awarded, in the future, or other disciplinary action.

- C. I understand that the information collected during the application process may be used for statistical purposes and for evaluation of the certification program. I also understand that the information for my certification records will be handled, stored, and treated confidentially.
- D. As a professional who is interested in seeking certification, I recognize the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language as the sole judge of my qualifications to receive approval of my application for enrollment and ongoing status related to the LSL Registry.
- E. I understand and agree that in consideration of my application, the Academy will review my professional standing.
- F. I agree, if my application is approved, to have my name included in any list or directory in which the names of other LSLS mentees and/or LSLS certificate holders may be made available to the public.
- G. I understand that approval or denial of my enrollment in the registry is determined solely by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language.
- H. I understand that, if my application is approved, enrollment in the LSL Registry **does not allow me to use the LSLS Cert. AVT or LSLS Cert. AVEd credential, either verbally or in writing, until I have met all requirements for certification and have been awarded LSLS certification by the AG Bell Academy.** In other words, I will not, in any way, refer to myself or allow others to refer to me as a certified or “almost/nearly” certified LSLS Cert. AVEd or LSLS Cert. AVT. Rather, referrals to my status can include the terms, “a professional (e.g. educator) who is in pursuit of LSLS AVT or AVEd certification.”
- I. I understand that continued and ongoing enrollment in the LSL Registry is not guaranteed, and in order to remain listed in the registry, I must be making acceptable progress towards achieving LSLS certification (including all fees paid), or that my status has changed to certified LSLS Cert. AVT or LSLS Cert. AVEd in good standing (including all fees paid). Decisions regarding continued and ongoing enrollment is determined solely by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language.
- J. I agree to hold harmless the officers, directors, members, staff, and volunteers of the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language for any action taken in pursuance of their duties in connection with this application or my pursuit of completing all pre-requirements of certification.
- K. I understand that, if a child and/or family is engaged in services labeled as “Auditory-Verbal” or “Listening and Spoken language”, application of all the Principles of LSLS Auditory-Verbal Therapists or Principles of LSLS Auditory-Verbal Educators (whichever set of Principles apply) must be in place in my practice or in process to be in place in the coming weeks and months. (Each set of Principles is referred to as “the Principles” going forward in this document.)
- L. I understand that children and families who are engaged in auditory-verbal therapy or auditory-verbal education services with me do so in recognition and commitment to listening and spoken language. Further, I will provide families with all of the information necessary to understand what is required for success in developing and sustaining listening and spoken language as stated in the Principles.

- M. I understand that, as a professional who provides guidance to parents/caregivers of the child/children that I serve, I have a responsibility to inform parents/caregivers of the Principles and that these Principles are designed and intended to be adopted and applied both individually and collectively (“in whole”) for each child who is engaged in Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT) Therapy or Auditory-Verbal Education (AVEd) as an approach to develop and sustain listening and spoken language skills comparable with their typically-hearing peers.
- N. I understand that, as a professional who provides guidance to the parents/caregivers that I serve, I have a responsibility to inform that even strict adherence to the all of the Principles may not result in listening and spoken language skills comparable to the typically-hearing peers for any individual child.
- O. I understand that, if approved for the Registry and if I meet all requirements and am approved for LSLS certification in the next three to five years, I am not limited to providing services to children and families who are pursuing LSL services, nor am I limited in providing other types of (non-LSL) services to children and families for which I am qualified.
- P. I have read the Principles of LSLS Auditory-Verbal Educators and the Principles of LSLS Auditory-Verbal Therapists and I pledge myself to the highest ethical standards in my practice and pursuit of the designated credential (LSLS Cert. AVEd or LSLS Cert. AVT).