

The Ronny Tipps Scholarship

A need-based scholarship for an interpreter or translator who is starting up in this profession. It will award a one-year membership and free registration for the 2025 TAPIT Conference, which will take place on October 17-19 in Nashville (with an option for virtual attendance). This scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Ronny Tipps. When he married co-founder Marvyn Bacigalupo-Tipps, Ronny also adopted the entire TAPIT family! This scholarship remembers his tireless work, kindness, enthusiasm, and contributions to TAPIT.



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**Ronny
Tipps
Scholarship**

For an interpreter or translator with financial need

Mr. Ronald (Ronny) Tipps served in the U.S. Army Security Agency as a radio intercept officer in Japan for 7 years. He later worked for TVA as a power plant engineer. Ronny's language specialty was Japanese-English translation and interpretation. Ronny's legacy also includes his dedication to his family and his fearless yet peaceful fight with his illness.

In recognition of his enormous contribution to our organization, Ronny was honored as a beloved Lifetime Member of TAPIT. He served as TAPIT's webmaster as well as communications director and Membership and Elections chair.

The Ardis Nelson Scholarship

A scholarship opportunity for a **student or recent graduate who is interested in the interpreting/translation profession**. It will award a one-year membership and free registration for the 2025 TAPIT Conference, which will take place on October 17-19 in Nashville (with an option for virtual attendance). This scholarship honors the legacy of Dr. Ardis Nelson and her contributions to this profession as well as her passion for teaching new generations.



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**Ardis
Nelson
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For a full-time student or recent graduate of a Language Program

Dr. Ardis Nelson served as a Board Member and Secretary for TAPIT from 2007 to 2013. As a Certified Medical and Court Interpreter, her most enduring contributions were at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in Johnson City, where she dedicated 23 years to creating vital interpretation and translation resources. Most notably, she initiated the Applied Spanish/Community Studies Minor, established the Language and Culture Resource Center (LCRC), and founded *El Nuevo Tennessean*, a bilingual English-Spanish yearly publication that provided students with hands-on translation experience.

Throughout her 75 years, Dr. Nelson enriched her community through her peaceful and generous spirit. She had a passion for travel, film, and the arts, and was an avid hiker, living fully in all areas of her life.