



National Speakers Association Certified Emcee Professional (CEP) Application Requirements – Short Form Overview

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum 100 emcee engagements within the past 10 years.
- At least 5 years of professional emceeing experience.
- Income of \$30,000+ from emceeing in at least 3 of the past 5 years.
- Good standing with NSA and no ethics violations within the past 10 years.

Required Application Materials

- Completed CEP application form.
- 5–7 video clips totaling at least 30 minutes of emcee performance. Video submissions may not be more than three (3) years old at the time of application submission.
- Examples of professional event documentation (e.g., run-of-show, scripts, briefs).
- 10–15 client evaluations (within the past 5 years).

Review Process

Applications are evaluated by a trained CEP Review Panel using a standardized rubric aligned with the Five E's competency framework. Final decisions are issued in March of each year after the final board vote.

Certification Term & Renewal

- Certification is valid for three (3) years.
- 10 hours of approved Continuing Education required per cycle.
- Minimum 10 emcee engagements during the certification period.
- Reaffirmation of the NSA Code of Professional Ethics required at renewal.