

## NEFPA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

As a NALA Affiliate, our Association encourages its members' attainment of certification, including the Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal (CLA/CP) and the Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) designations. The legal community recognizes these designations as symbolic of a person who takes his or her professional standards to a distinguishably high level. In order to help those NEFPA Active and Student members who need financial assistance to achieve the certification goal, NEFPA offers Professional Development Scholarships.

The possible awards are as follows:

(1) **For the CLA/CP**, the award will consist of reimbursement for the NALA exam up to \$500.00. The reimbursement can be applied toward fees, tuition, books, and review courses.

[NOTE: For applicants in re-take status at time of application, this level scholarship (CLA/CP) will consist of reimbursement for the cost of each section to be retaken, at \$60.00 per section].

(2) **For the Advanced Certification (ACP)**, the award will consist of reimbursement the NALA online course work, up to \$250.00 for NALA member rate and up to \$300.00 for NALA non-member rate.

Upon selection for the CLA/CP and ACP Scholarships, the recipients will receive a certificate of award that is good for **one** year from the date of award. The benefits of the Scholarships are paid to recipient only upon proof of completion of the NALA certification exam being provided to the NEFPA Board of Directors. Such "proof of completion" shall consist of a copy of the exam results notification letter (pass or fail) that will be sent from NALA to the examinee together with a copy of the receipt for payment of the exam fee.

The following **Rules** apply.

### **Rules for Professional Development Scholarship Applicants:**

(1) The applicant must have been an Active or Student member of NEFPA for a minimum of one (1) year prior to the submitting a Scholarship application and remain an Active member or Student member for a minimum of one (1) year following an award of said scholarship.

(2) The applicant must complete the **Application for Professional Development Scholarship**.

**Email the Application, together with required enclosures, to [nefpa.president@gmail.com](mailto:nefpa.president@gmail.com).**

The entire application must be postmarked by **August 1** for consideration. *Applications postmarked after the deadline or lacking required enclosures will not be considered.*

The essay portion of the application must be typed and double-spaced. It will be judged on originality, clarity, grammar, and content. The NEFPA Board of Directors will review all applications and selection for award of the Scholarship is in the sole judgment and discretion of the NEFPA Board. This is an equal opportunity Scholarship. Decisions will not be based on sex, age, race, color, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status or national origin. NEFPA is a non-profit corporation. Scholarship recipients will be announced at a NEFPA meeting, as well as in the NEFPA News, and/or on NEFPA's website. Scholarship recipients agree that the winning essays may be published in the *NEFPA News and/or on NEFPA's website*.

APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of law: \_\_\_\_\_

Number years experience as legal assistant/paralegal: \_\_\_\_\_

NALA Member:     \_\_\_ Yes     \_\_\_ No

I am applying for Professional Development Scholarship to take the (check one):

CLA/CP exam:     \_\_\_     1<sup>st</sup> taking:     \_\_\_

Re-take section(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Certification:     \_\_\_

Education: (List all schools attended since high school, in chronological order, including degree and/or certificate earned.)

Name/Address of School	Years Attended	Degree/Certificate
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Awards, Achievements and/or Accomplishments:

\_\_\_\_\_

Essays: On separate paper, typed and double-spaced, explain which exam you wish to take, your understanding of paralegal certification and why it is important to you. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced and shall consist of not more than 500 words; it will be judged for clarity, originality, grammar and content.

Terms of Scholarship: I understand that, if I am selected for an award of the Professional Development Scholarship, NEFPA may publish my essay in its newsletter, NEFPA News and/or on the NEFPA website, and I hereby grant permission for such publication as NEFPA may choose without remuneration being made to me. I also understand that, if I am awarded a CLA/CP or ACP Professional Development Scholarship, I am responsible for paying for any required fees and that I must submit to the NEFPA Board proof of completion of the exam and a receipt for the paid exam fee within one year from the date of the award to receive the scholarship money (such "proof of completion" shall consist of a copy of the exam results notification letter (pass or fail) I will receive from NALA).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_