

NEFPA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

As a NALA Affiliate, our Association encourages its members to take an active role in their professional growth and development. NEFPA is offering a Leadership Development Program ("Program") opportunity that will provide financial assistance to an active NEFPA member to attend NALA's Annual Convention. The objective of the Program is to promote a newfound professional responsibility to oneself and to the paralegal community, while cultivating future NEFPA leaders.

The Leadership Program

The Program will provide one registration fee reimbursement award to one (1) NEFPA member for attendance at NALA's Annual Convention in-person; and one registration fee reimbursement award to one (1) NEFPA member for attendance at NALA's Annual Convention online.

Prerequisite Criteria

- Current Active member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year prior to applying for the program;
- Program recipient must remain an Active member for a minimum of one (1) year subsequent to attending the Annual NALA Convention;
- Currently holds the CP/ACP certification;
- Current Active member of NALA or agrees to join as an Active member of NALA not later than 45 days in advance of the opening date of the NALA Convention (required for eligibility to vote);
- Program recipient must be willing to provide assistance to the NEFPA's NALA Liaison's representative duties during the Convention; and
- Program recipient must be willing to perform NEFPA's NALA Liaison's duties, should the NALA Liaison become ill or should an emergency arrive at the time of the convention.

Preferred Criteria

- Serving as chair of a NEFPA committee, currently or within the last year
- Serving on a NEFPA committee, currently or within the last year
- Participating by teaching a section(s) in NEFPA's Review Course, currently or within the last year

Applying for the Program

In order to apply for the Program, all applicants must submit a typed and double-space statement describing how attending and participating in the NALA Convention will promote leadership qualities. The recipient will be reimbursed for travel and lodging to attend the seminar, up to \$500.00. Receipt for payment shall be submitted to NEFPA's Treasurer. *Note: Current NEFPA Board Members are not eligible to apply for the Leadership Development Program.*

Email the Application, together with required enclosures, to nefpa.nalaliation@gmail.com and nefpa.president@gmail.com.

The entire application for in-person attendance must be postmarked by **March 31** for consideration.

The entire application for online attendance must be postmarked by **April 30** for consideration.

Applications postmarked after the deadline or lacking required enclosures will not be considered.

The NEFPA Board of Directors will review all applications and selection for the Program recipient is in the sole judgment and discretion of the NEFPA Board. This is an equal opportunity Program. 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. Program recipients will be announced at a NEFPA meeting, as well as in the NEFPA News, and/or on NEFPA's website. Program recipients agree that the winning essays may be published in the *NEFPA News and/or on NEFPA's website*.

APPLICATION FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ **Office phone:** _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____ **Area(s) of law:** _____

Number years experience as legal assistant/paralegal: _____

Date of certification(s), as applicable:

CLA/CP Certification: _____ **Date of ACP:** _____

I am ____ **I am not** ____ **currently an Active member of NALA.**

If not, I agree to join NALA as an Active member immediately but not later than June 5 for voting eligibility.

During the current year and past year as an Active NEFPA member, I have contributed to the Association by: _____

Essays: On separate paper, typed and double-spaced, explain how attending the NALA Convention will promote leadership qualities in 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:

If I am selected for the Leadership Program award, I agree to provide assistance as needed to the NALA Liaison at the Convention. Furthermore, I agree to -assume the NALA Liaison's responsibilities and duties at the NALA Convention should the NALA Liaison become ill or in the event of an emergency.

I understand that, if I am selected as the recipient of the Leadership Development award, 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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____