

FAIRBANKS ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants Professional Scholarship is to provide scholarships for practicing paralegals intending to sit for the Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal (CLA/CP) exam or achieve an Advanced Paralegal Certification (APC).

The CLA/CP exam is offered three times each year in March, July and December. The deadlines to apply for the CLA/CP exams are March 15, May 15 and October 1, respectively. The APC is a web based, self-study program for individuals who have already earned the CLA/CP designation. The scholarship amount will be \$250 per year. Funds will be awarded after successful completion of either the CLA/CP or the APC.

Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a FALA member in good standing
2. Applicant must be a full-time or part-time paralegal working under the supervision of an attorney.

An exception is made for individuals who have met the NALA educational or experience requirements to be designated a paralegal, but who are working in a state or government agency setting (i.e. a legal technician or clerk of court).

3. Applicant must successfully complete the CLA/CP exam within 12 months or complete the APC within 90 days after the award is made.

Application Procedure

Provide an essay including the following:

1. The paralegal's contact information, educational background and work experience
2. An explanation of the paralegal's financial need, and
3. How certification will contribute to the paralegal profession upon completion of the exam.

Please limit the essay to no more than 3 pages, typed.

Completed Applications may be submitted via mail to:

Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants Scholarship
PO Box 74947
Fairbanks, AK 99707

or

Applications may be emailed to ddosterby@fairbanksaklaw.com

or

Applications may be dropped off to Ms. Osterby at Gazewood & Weiner, P.C., 1008 16th Ave., Ste 2

General questions or concerns about this scholarship may be addressed to:

Debi Osterby, Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants

PO Box 74947, Fairbanks, AK 99707

Phone: (907) 452-5196 or Email: dosterby@fairbanksaklaw.com

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants Student Scholarship is to provide scholarships for students currently enrolled in the paralegal studies program offered through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tanana Valley Campus. The scholarship amount will be \$250. The deadline for applications is October 29. The successful recipient will be notified by November 15 each year. FALA will coordinate disbursement of the award with the recipient.

Qualifications

1. Applicant should demonstrate motivation, academic and leadership potential;
2. Applicant must be in good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.0;
3. Applicant must be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in the paralegal studies program offered through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tanana Valley Campus;
4. Applicant must be enrolled in the semester for which the award is made;
5. Applicant must be a FALA member in good standing.

Application Procedure

Provide an unofficial academic transcript, and an essay including the following:

1. The student's contact information, brief biography and educational background;
2. An explanation of the student's financial need;
3. Why he or she has chosen to become a paralegal, and;
4. What he or she will contribute to the paralegal profession upon graduation.

Please limit the essay to no more than 3 pages, typed.

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