

## ***2007 Paralegal Scholarships***

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc., in conjunction with Thomson West, is pleased to award two scholarships totaling \$5,000. Scholarships of \$3,500 and \$1,500 will be presented at the 2007 NFPA Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida to be held from October 18, 2007 through October 21, 2007. Thomson West will provide a travel stipend for the two award recipients so that they may receive their awards at the NFPA Annual Convention.

The applicant must be a part-time or full-time currently enrolled student or accepted student in an accredited paralegal education program or college level program with emphasis in paralegal studies. They must demonstrate they have maintained a "B" average. Selection will be based upon scholastic excellence, participation in campus and paralegal program leadership activities, community service, and review of the writing sample. Proven need for financial assistance *may* be considered. NFPA membership is not a requirement.

*NOTE: FUNDS ARE TO BE USED TO PURSUE A PARALEGAL EDUCATION. CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND RECIPIENT'S PARALEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION.*

An applicant may be disqualified for a felony or comparable crime, as defined by an individual state that does not have felony designations; or if the applicant is currently under the suspension, termination, or revocation of a certificate, registration of a certificate, registration or license to practice by a professional organization, court, disciplinary board or agency in any jurisdiction.

Send applications and **complete package** of supporting documentation to NFPA, P.O. Box 2016, Edmonds, WA, 98020-9516. Entries must be postmarked on or before **August 1, 2007**. Information and applications are also available from NFPA, Attn: Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 2016, Edmonds, WA, 98020-9516.

NFPA is the national voice and the standard for excellence for the paralegal profession through its work on the issues of regulation, ethics, and education. Headquartered in Seattle, WA, NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 11,000 paralegals.

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**APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. /  
THOMPSON WEST SCHOLARSHIP**

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

**Name:**

**Home Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

**Telephone Number (Daytime):** (     )

**Present Paralegal Program or College:** (must be enrolled or accepted student in a  
paralegal education program or college level program with emphasis in paralegal studies)

**Address:**

**Director of Paralegal Program:**

**Expected Date of Graduation:**

**Type of/Degree/Diploma/Certificate:**

**References:** (Please list names and addresses of at least two (2) references -- i.e., academic  
or work):

**How have you assumed personal responsibility for financing your paralegal education?**

(Include any grants and scholarships received, etc.).

**List Community Activities:**

**List College Activities/Honors:**

**List Paralegal Program Activities:**

**Submission Requirements:** Submit **original and three copies** of (1) the application (2) a letter of recommendation from the director of your paralegal education program, an instructor in your paralegal education program or an employer; (3) your short (no more than four pages double-spaced) paper on the below topic; and (4) one official grade transcript (must be the most recent) showing at least a B average (high school transcripts acceptable only if you have not completed a college semester);

**You enter a time machine as the newly-elected CEO of the National Paralegal Placement Corporation (also, a new NFPA sustaining member) and your main responsibility is to determine who should practice as future paralegals in the United States. You are to report back to your corporation what the future will bring so you can make recommendations for the success of these paralegals.**

**Your essay should be prepared in a memo format to the Board of your corporation, including but not limiting your essay to information as to how far in the future you set the time machine, whether the PACE exam or any other type of testing should be mandatory, whether regulation by states should be a requirement, the pros and cons of your recommendation, whether you think this will help or hinder legal services, etc.**

**Use your imagination! This is not intended to be a research paper but do look at trends and directions/paths the paralegal profession would be in the future. Remember, as the CEO of the corporation, the fate of paralegals across the nation as well as the quality of legal services is in your hands !**

**Good luck!**

**NOTE:**

**The application and All materials must be postmarked by August 1, 2007. Incomplete applications, including those received after August 1, 2007, will not be eligible for consideration.**

**Faxes will not be accepted.**

**Copying of this application is permitted.**