



# **SANTA BARBARA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION (SBPA)**

## **APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 30 of each year**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Santa Barbara Paralegal Association (“SBPA”) offers two scholarships each fiscal year to support individuals with a commitment to the paralegal field: one Student Scholarship for \$500 or more, offered to qualified candidates enrolled in paralegal certificate training programs for entry into the profession and one Examination Scholarship for \$250 or more to qualified candidates registered to sit for an advanced paralegal certifying examination, such as those offered by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) – the RP exam, the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) – the CLA exam and the Organization of Legal Professionals (OLP) – the CeDP exam. In addition, the successful applicants will receive a free one-year student, active or associate membership in SBPA.

**Eligibility Requirements:** All applicants must be residents of **or** employed in Santa Barbara County, California, and either compliant with the requirements of California Business and Professions Code section 6450 (for the Examination Scholarship) or be a paralegal program student (for the Student Scholarship). SBPA Board members may not apply for either scholarship during his or her term of office. Student Scholarship applicants must be actively enrolled in a paralegal/legal assistant certificate program at a California State university, community college or independently accredited, private school program. Examination Scholarship applicants must be registered to take an advanced paralegal certifying examination, such as those offered by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) – the RP exam, the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) – the CLA exam and the Organization of Legal Professionals (OLP) – the CeDP exam. Evidence of class/examination completion with a passing grade is required prior to disbursement of funds. Information provided by applicants will be kept confidential.

**Required Attachments to Application:** Please attach two letters of recommendation -- one must be from your current employer or instructor -- and a personal statement as described on page 2 of this application. Students: please attach proof of your current year grade point average.

**Deadline:** All applications must be submitted to SBPA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2695, Santa Barbara, CA 93120 and postmarked no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>. Recipients will be notified the last week of April.

**APPLICATION**

I am applying for (please check only one):

- Student Scholarship (Evidence of successful class completion will be required before disbursement of scholarship award to the successful applicant.)
- Examination Scholarship (Attach evidence of registration for the advanced certification exam.)

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

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

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Telephone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of SBPA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

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

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Telephone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Job Duties/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified Legal Assistant/Paralegal Program currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a personal statement about yourself indicating educational background, study intentions, and/or career goals. You may also include any additional information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider. Please limit your statement to no more than 250 words.**

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

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

Please type or print name: \_\_\_\_\_