



2023 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Tampa Bay Paralegal Association, Inc., (“TBPA”) is pleased to award **one (1) Paralegal Student Education Scholarship totaling \$500.00 and one (1) 2023 Student Membership with TBPA.** The scholarship will be presented to the winning recipient at the TBPA 2023 Annual Seminar held in Tampa, Florida on Friday, April 21, 2023.

Applicants must be either part-time enrolled students or full-time enrolled students in a paralegal education program or college level program with emphasis in paralegal studies offered by an institution that is (a) an institutional member of the American Association for Paralegal Education (“AAfPE”), (b) a paralegal educational program approved by the American Bar Association (“ABA”), or (c) a paralegal program offered by an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and offering courses at the post-secondary level. Applicants must have completed at least one (1) semester in a paralegal program and must demonstrate they have maintained at least 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 on the topic **“WHAT ARE MY PARALEGAL PROFESSIONAL GOALS AND MY NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE?”** A proven need for financial assistance *may* be considered. TBPA membership is not a requirement.

NOTE: FUNDS ARE TO BE USED TO PURSUE A PARALEGAL EDUCATION. CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND THE RECIPIENT'S PARALEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION. IN THE EVENT RECIPIENT HAS PRE-PAID THE EDUCATION TUITION, A CHECK WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT DIRECTLY UPON RECEIPT OF VERIFICATION OF TUITION PRE-PAYMENT.

This education scholarship is a one-time award. Past education scholarship recipients are ineligible to re-apply for future scholarship awards.

An applicant shall be disqualified (i) for being convicted of a felony or comparable crime, as defined by an individual state that does not have felony designations, (ii) 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, or (iii) if the applicant has been found to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

Applications and supporting documentation must **be received via email on or before March 15, 2023.** Questions and requests for additional applications may be directed to the Education/Professional Development Committee by contacting EducationMentor@tbpa.org.

All illegible applications, applications received after the deadline, or applications lacking the required information or attachments shall be disqualified.

The Education/Professional Development Committee will review all completed applications received and will present its recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval at the monthly Board meeting immediately following the **deadline date of March 15, 2023.** The winner will be notified as soon as possible after the Board meeting and will be provided information concerning the presentation of the scholarship awards at the 2023 Annual Seminar.



TAMPA BAY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC
P.O. Box 2840, Tampa, Florida 33601

2023 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home E-mail: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work E-mail: _____

Paralegal Program or College: _____

Address: _____

Director of Program: _____ Director Phone: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Type of Degree/Certificate: _____

References: (at least 2 for academic or work references)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please answer the following (additional pages may be used):

1. How have you assumed personal responsibility for financing your paralegal education?
(include any grants and scholarships received, etc.)
2. List Community Activities:
3. List College Activities/Honors:
4. List Paralegal Program Activities:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attach the following:

- a) Your short paper (no more than four pages double-spaced) on the topic:
"What are my Paralegal professional goals and my need for scholarship assistance?"
- b) Letter of recommendation from the director of your paralegal education program, an instructor in your paralegal education program, or an employer; and
- c) Official copy of your most recent transcripts showing at least a "B" average in the paralegal program.

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Mail completed application to: TBPA, Attn: Education/Professional Development Committee by email to EducationMentor@tbpa.org. The application and all materials attached must be received by email or postmarked by **March 15, 2023 (Deadline Date)**. Questions may be directed to EducationMentor@tbpa.org. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration. Faxes will not be accepted.