

NFPA/THOMSON-REUTERS SCHOLARSHIPS

NFPA and Thomson-Reuters will award annual scholarships totaling \$5,000.00 to paralegal students in the United States. The number and amount of scholarships to be given shall be determined annually by the NFPA Board of Directors at its Winter Board Meeting upon the recommendations of the NFPA education coordinator who shall meet at the discretion of the NFPA president. The amount of money allocated each year for scholarships may be increased or decreased by either NFPA or Thomson-Reuters, with the party increasing the fund responsible for contributing the increased amount.

NOTE: SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE TO BE USED TO PURSUE A PARALEGAL EDUCATION. CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND THE RECIPIENT'S PARALEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. TRAVEL EXPENSE CHECKS WILL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO RECIPIENTS BY NFPA FROM THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THOMSON REUTERS.

The scholarship essay topic for 2017 is:

Many professional organizations have adopted positions on the issues of diversity and anti-discrimination. How have these issues of diversity and anti-discrimination affected the legal profession and what can you do as a paralegal to support the issues?

An original and three copies of the application form and accompanying documentation are required, except for one original transcript and two copies. The application includes two references, a letter of recommendation from the program director, the essay, transcripts, participation in extracurricular and paralegal activities and financial needs. Incomplete applications will be reviewed "as is" with no opportunity to supplement. No applications will be accepted via fax or email.

Candidates may be disqualified for any one of the following reasons:

- a. Conviction of a felony or comparable crime as defined by an individual state that does not have felony designations; or
- b. 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.

The criteria listed below will be utilized in selecting scholarship recipients. The applicant:

- a. Must be a full- or part-time student enrolled in a paralegal program;
- b. Must demonstrate and maintain a B average;
- c. May demonstrate active participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service;
- d. May demonstrate active participation in paralegal program clubs or activities; and
- e. May demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship winners will be notified of the award by early September, either by the VPPD or Education Coordinator. Scholarship winners are asked to keep their achievement confidential until the award has been given. Thomson-Reuters will provide a travel stipend for each

scholarship recipient so that he/she may receive his/her scholarship at the NFPA Annual Convention.

Scholarship recipients will be advised to contact the NFPA managing director regarding travel arrangements and such arrangements must be made by the scholarship recipients as soon as practicable. NFPA will send the travel stipend to the winners as soon as possible.

A copy of the winning essays and biographies will be sent to Thomson-Reuters. The scholarships and commemorative plaques will be presented to the recipients during the awards luncheon at the NFPA Annual Convention.

The winning essays, biographies and photographs may be posted on NFPA's website, as well as publicized through other media as deemed appropriate by the NFPA Board of Directors