



**ANNOUNCING THE 2020-2021
PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Sponsored by the South Dakota Paralegal Association

1. The South Dakota Paralegal Association is pleased to announce the availability of a \$500.00 scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year.
2. Applicants must be enrolled students in a paralegal education program in the State of South Dakota or they must be a resident of South Dakota and enrolled in a paralegal education program outside of the State of South Dakota.
3. Applicants must have completed at least one year of paralegal studies and maintained a “B” average.
4. Selection will be based upon scholastic excellence, participation in campus and paralegal program leadership activities, community service and review of writing sample. Proven need for financial assistance may be considered.
5. Enclose a letter of recommendation from a faculty member from your paralegal program with a copy of your transcript.
6. Write a short paper (no more than 4 pages, double-spaced) on the topic, “Why I Decided to Become a Paralegal.”
7. NOTE: FUNDS ARE TO BE USED TO PURSUE A PARALEGAL EDUCATION. CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT’S PARALEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION.
8. Applications and supporting documentation **MUST** be received by the Professional Development Committee Chairperson by May 1, 2020.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY MAY 1, 2020, to:

Cindy Smeins, ACP, Chairperson
SDPA Professional Development Committee
5605 E. Eastbridge Place
Sioux Falls, SD 57110
Or via e-mail to: cindysmeinsschmit@gmail.com

SDPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE. Attach a separate piece of paper where necessary.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: () _____ () _____
Daytime Evening

COLLEGE WHERE ENROLLED: _____

TYPE OF PROGRAM: A.S./A.A. _____ B.S./B.A. _____

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: _____

ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

PREVIOUS DEGREE(S) EARNED: _____

REFERENCES: (List names, addresses and telephone numbers of 2 academic references)

How have you assumed personal responsibility for financing your paralegal education?
Include any grants/scholarships received, etc:

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List college activities/honors:

List paralegal program activities/associations:

List additional activities:

ALL MATERIALS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Please be sure to attach the following documentation:

1. A copy of your college transcript;
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member from your paralegal program; and
3. A short paper on the topic listed in paragraph 6 on page 1 of this application.