



PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

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STUDENT MEMBER

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

DO NOT USE THIS APPLICATION TO RENEW YOUR EXISTING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____ Alternate Email Address: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____ County _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

School Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Employer Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

NALA Member? YES NO Birth Month/Day: _____ / _____

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, do you have any special needs (check one)? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of a felony (check one)? YES* NO *In accordance with Articles 3.9 and 3.27 of the NALA Bylaws, by which PAF is also governed, individuals who have been convicted of a felony are not eligible for membership.

CHAPTER AFFILIATION*:

Visit the PAF website at www.pafinc.org to determine the Chapter location nearest to you. If you do not indicate a PAF Chapter affiliation, a PAF Chapter affiliation will be designated for you based on the geographic location closest to your preferred address. Members at Large will be designated only for those applicants whose preferred address is not located near a PAF Chapter.

INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED PRIMARY CHAPTER BELOW (CHECK ONE BOX ONLY):

BIG BEND BOCA RATON BREVARD BROWARD FIRST COAST HILLSBOROUGH

PALM BEACH PINELLAS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SUNCOAST TREASURE COAST AT LARGE

If Applicable, indicate ADDITIONAL Chapter(s) (See membership fees section below regarding additional fee): _____

*Student Membership shall have all of the privileges and prerogatives of an Active Member, except for voting privileges, holding office, or serving as the chair on any committee.

STATE MEMBERSHIP FEE (INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP IN ONE PAF CHAPTER): \$50.00

This includes a nonrefundable \$5.00 application fee. Membership year: July 1 – June 30. For any application received March 1 to June 30, the fee covers the current and upcoming fiscal membership year, and will not be subject to renewal until June 30 of the following calendar year. Additional Chapter Membership: \$25 for each additional PAF Chapter, which you desire to be a student member.

INDICATE MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Total Fee enclosed or paid by credit card \$ _____

Method of Payment: Check / Money Order payable to Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. Visa MasterCard

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

DEFINITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PARALEGAL (ALSO KNOWN AS LEGAL ASSISTANT):

Paralegals are a distinguishable group of persons who assist attorneys in the delivery of legal services. Through formal education, training, and experience, paralegals/legal assistants have knowledge and expertise regarding the legal system and substantive and procedural law, which qualify them to do work of a legal nature **under the supervision of an attorney**. Paralegals may also work for government and corporate entities and perform substantive legal work for which a lawyer is ultimately responsible, yet not work under the direct supervision of an attorney while performing these duties.

“Legal Assistant” means a person, **“who under the supervision and direction of a licensed attorney**, engages in legal research and case development or planning in relation to modifications or initial proceedings, services, processes, or applications; or who prepares or interprets legal documents or selects, compiles, and uses technical information from references such as digests, encyclopedias or practice manuals and analyzes and follows procedural problems that involve independent decisions.” (*Fla. Stat. ch. 57.104*) The terms “Legal Assistant” and “Paralegal” are utilized *interchangeably* and such professional positions are not intended to be misunderstood as two separate professions.

QUALIFICATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:

NOTE: CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS - When the eligibility requirements for Active membership are met, a Student member may request a change of status from “Student” to “Active” Membership upon completion of an Application for New Membership, accompanied by supporting documentation, active member dues, and the applicable application fee.

PLEASE INITIAL THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AND INDICATE QUALIFICATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BELOW:

_____ I hereby apply for membership as a STUDENT MEMBER in the PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC. (PAF) and certify that the above information is true and correct and that I meet the requirements for Student Membership as set forth at the PAF website (www.pafinc.org). I affirm that I have read and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility adopted by the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. and the PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC. (See PAF website: www.pafinc.org). If I am advised by PAF that I have been found to be in violation of Sections 3.8 or 3.9 of its Bylaws, I will, on my own initiative, resign my membership from PAF. I HEREBY GIVE CONSENT TO PAF TO CONTACT MY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR VERIFICATION OR CLARIFICATION OF MY QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I am providing a completed School Attestation and transcript or term bill evidencing the required six (6) semester hours or equivalent of law-related courses OR three (3) semester hours or equivalent of law-related courses and Attorney/Employer Attestation from supervising attorney as to full-time employment in a law-related field.

I understand that in the event an application has been pending for a period of 90 days or more due to a deficiency of which the applicant has been informed, and the deficiency remains unsatisfied, PAF will impose a 50% processing fee upon return of the application.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

**SCHOOL ATTESTATION
(Must Be Completed In Full)**

I HEREBY ATTEST that _____ is currently enrolled for _____ semester hours or the equivalent, in the Paralegal program at _____, located at _____, which program is fully accredited by _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title _____

**ATTORNEY/EMPLOYER ATTESTATION
(Must Be Completed In Full)**

I HEREBY ATTEST that: (i) I am the supervising attorney for _____; (ii) that s/he is currently employed by _____ in a full-time position in a law-related field; and (iii) that her/his ethical and professional conduct are above reproach, and that s/he is recommended by me for Student membership in the PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

Attorney Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Attorneys' Name: _____ Firm Name: _____

Firm Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Attorney Florida Bar Number: _____

***FAILURE TO PROVIDE PAYMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL DELAY APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION.
Return completed application, qualification documentation, and payment to the address at the top of page 1.***