



Lafayette Paralegal Association

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CHOOSE ONE:				
MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION: <i>(See reverse for membership classifications)</i>	ACTIVE	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT	
Which qualification for ACTIVE membership are you applying under:	A	B	C	D E
Which qualification for ASSOCIATE membership are you applying under:	A	B	C	
PREFERRED CONTACT:	HOME	OFFICE		

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Home Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Home email: _____ Work email: _____
 Employer: _____ Address: _____
 How long have you been employed as a Paralegal: _____ Total years legal experience: _____
 Practice Areas (please list all that apply): _____
 Formal or specialized education (name and address of school) or training for present position: _____

 Highest degree obtained: _____ Date of graduation: _____ If Certified Paralegal, date certified: _____

<u>ATTORNEY/EMPLOYER ATTESTATION</u>	
<i>(Required for ACTIVE type: B, C, D, and ASSOCIATE type A)</i>	
I hereby attest that _____ is employed by me and meets the qualifications for active/associate membership in Lafayette Paralegal Association as listed under active membership requirement _____.	
_____ Name of attorney/employer <i>(please print)</i>	_____ Signature of Attorney/Employer
_____ Date	

I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and the bylaws as adopted by the Lafayette Paralegal Association. I further understand that this application is subject to approval by LPA.

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

Committees you are interested in serving on:

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| Job Bank | Photographer/Historian | Technical/Web Page | Public Relations |
| Program/Social | Scholarship/Education | Membership | Newsletter |

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APPLICATION FOR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Corporate: _____ Individual: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____ Publish link on LPA web page: _____ YES _____ NO

 Signature _____ Date _____

**DUES MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.
ALL APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

LAFAYETTE PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Active (Voting) \$35; Associate/Student (Non-voting) \$35; Sustaining (Non-voting) \$75

Active/Voting Members:

- A. Any individual who has attained a certification from a national organization administering nationally recognized paralegal certification examinations, and whose national certification remains valid pursuant to the requirements set forth by said organizations.
- B. Any individual with a Bachelor's Degree in any field and not less than one (1) year of experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a member of the Bar, and whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal, or who provides evidence of attaining a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing legal education within the immediately preceding year and attaches same to their application.
- C. Any individual who has graduated from a program of study for paralegals, which required not less than the equivalent of sixty (60) semester hours of classroom study, of which at least fifteen (15) semester hours were substantive legal courses, and not less than one (1) year of experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a member of the Bar, and whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal, or who provides evidence of attaining a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing legal education within the immediately preceding year and attaches same to their application.
- D. Any individual with a high school diploma or equivalent and not less than seven (7) years experience as a paralegal under the supervision of a member of the Bar, and whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal, or who provides evidence of attaining a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing legal education within the immediately preceding year and attaches same to their application.
- E. The Executive Committee, at its discretion and upon a vote of 51% of the voting board members, may grant "Meritorious Membership" status for life to one member per fiscal year. To be considered, said member must have the following minimal requirements: 1) Active membership status for a total of twenty (20) years; 2) Has served on the Executive Committee for a minimum of five (5) years; and 3) Has been a positive influence on the Association and is deserving of merit. Meritorious members may be presented with an award or acknowledgement and shall be granted a reduced membership fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Associate Members (Non-voting):

- A. Any individual who has a minimum of two (2) years of law-related experience under the supervision of a member of the Bar and whose attorney-employer attests that such person has such law-related experience.
- B. Any individual who has successfully completed a course in paralegal studies (said course not meeting the requirements of No. 4.1(C) of Active/Voting members) and has attained a paralegal certificate.
- C. Any individual who does not meet the requirements of Active Membership under A, B, C, D, or E, but is employed as a paralegal.

Student Members (Non-voting):

- A. Any individual who is a student, actively pursuing a course in paralegal studies at any university, college, junior college, or other school, who can provide evidence of current enrollment and attaches same to his/her application.

Sustaining Members (Non-voting):

Corporate Membership - Attorneys, law firms, bar associations, corporations, banks and institutions working with or engaged in the legal or paralegal educational field who contribute to the paralegal concept or who are actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession and who contribute \$75.00 yearly or any amount in excess thereof.

Individual Membership - Any individual that does not meet the requirements of active or associate/student membership and who promotes the paralegal profession by contributing \$75.00 or more yearly to the association.

* Annual dues are due by March 31st for renewing members.

Dues for first-time new members joining late in the fiscal year are pro-rated as follows:

July \$28.00 - Aug. \$24.50 - Sept. \$21.00 - Oct. \$17.50 - Nov. \$14.00 - Dec. \$10.50 - Jan. \$7.00 - Feb. \$3.50

(Sorry, dues for Sustaining Members may not be pro-rated.)

Please make check payable to "Lafayette Paralegal Association".

For LPA use only: ___ Check # ___ Cash Application approved on _____
