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## **The 2015 NYCPA SCHOLARSHIP**

### *Terms for the Competition*

The New York City Paralegal Association (NYCPA) is dedicated to advancing the paralegal profession in the New York City area. Paralegals are integral parts of the legal system, so vocation is supported by national and regional organizations. Regional professional paralegal organizations maintain financial aid funds, and additional resources are put-forth by individual, local chapters and affiliated foundations. These examples illustrate the types of aid commonly available for professional paralegals and paralegal schooling.

In 2015 the NYCPA will be presenting three (3) scholarships to winners of the Annual research and writing competition:

- **The PACE® Scholarship. The Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam®** is for those with not only a comprehensive education in paralegal studies but also years of practical experience. Earning the RP® designation by passing the PACE Exam shows that you are one of the best in the field! The winner of the NYCPA essay contest will receive a check in the amount of \$330 for certification examinations and fees. Applicants are required to maintain Active or Associate level of memberships in the NYCPA to be considered for the organization's scholarship.
- **The PCCE™ Scholarship. The Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™** establishes your education has prepared you for many types of paralegal work and helps you stand out from others whose schooling and experience are otherwise similar. Those who have passed the PCCE may proudly display the CRP™ designation after their name. The winner of the NYCPA essay contest will receive a check in the amount of \$330 for certification examinations and fees. Applicants are required to maintain Active or Associate level of memberships in the NYCPA to be considered for the organization's scholarship.

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- [The Paralegal Student Scholarship](#). The Paralegal Student Scholarship is open to all students enrolled in paralegal programs in New York City, Westchester and Rockland Counties. To be qualified students must have at least one (1) course/semester to complete before graduation. The winner of the NYCPA essay contest will receive a check in the amount of \$500 payable toward tuition. Applicants are required to maintain Student level membership with the NYCPA to be considered for the organization's scholarship.
  - The second place winner of the student scholarship will be awarded with a free membership with NYCPA for a year.
  - All winners will be invited to NYCPA's Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner.
  - All winners will be announced in the Paralegal Buzz and in NYCPA's groups on social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter).
  - Essays that win first, second and third places in each scholarship category will be published on NYCPA's website.

## The 2015 NYCPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Deadline for submission: ~~April 17, 2015~~ Extended to May 15, 2015*

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| <b>Name:</b>                                       |                               |
| <b>Home Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:</b> |                               |
| <b>Phone number:</b>                               | <b>Email:</b>                 |
| <b>NYCPA Membership Level:</b>                     |                               |
| <b>Please Check ONE box:</b>                       |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PACE                      | <input type="checkbox"/> PCCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT                   |                               |

### APPLICANT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION *(if not employed at this time, please list your most recent employer and the duration of your employment)*

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| <b>Employer:</b>  | <b>Position:</b>   |
| <b>Employer's Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:</b>                              |                    |
| <b>Work Telephone:</b>  | <b>Work Email:</b> |
| <b>Name of Direct Supervisor:</b>   |                    |
| <b>Contact Information for Direct Supervisor:</b>                                     |                    |
| <b>How many years, in total, have you worked as a paralegal?</b>                      |                    |
| <b>Have you received any special professional recognition, if so, please explain:</b> |                    |

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### **PARALEGAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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| <b>Name of School:</b>                                 |
| <b>Current Year/Graduation Date:</b>                   |
| <b>School's Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:</b> |

### **LETTER OF REFERENCE INFORMATION**

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| <b>Name and position of person providing letter of reference:</b>    |
| <b>Contact information for person providing letter of reference:</b> |

### **PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE ESSAY TOPICS BELOW: *(in 1500 words, or more)***

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| <p><b>1) Which area of law do you think is more rewarding and make Paralegals more marketable?</b></p> <p><b>2) Why did you choose to become a Paralegal?</b></p> <p><b>3) Do you think the latest trend in legal technology should be taught as a course in Paralegal programs in schools?</b></p> <p><b>4) Where do you see the Paralegal profession in about 10 years?</b></p> <p><b>5) Do you think New York State should implement regulations for Paralegals?<br/>If yes or no, please discuss benefits or drawbacks?</b></p> |
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## Application Checklist & Instructions for Submission

- **Your completed application package must include the following items:**
  - Completed Application Form
  - Current Resume
  - Reference letter from an employer, or mentor.
  
- **Email your completed application to [professionaldevelopment@nyc-pa.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@nyc-pa.org) :**  
***Subject line:* NYCPA Scholarship Application**
  
- **Applications must be received on or before ~~April 17, 2015~~ May 15, 2015.**

For questions, please send an email to [professionaldevelopment@nyc-pa.org](mailto:professionaldevelopment@nyc-pa.org) .