



PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDELINES

1. The Paralegal Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (PAW) will be sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year which will be presented at the 2024 PAW Annual Seminar on May 3, 2024, hosted by the Southeast Region of PAW. If the scholarship recipient is unable to attend the Seminar, the scholarship check will be sent to the recipient's paralegal school or financial aid provider.
2. Applicant must: 1) be enrolled as a full-time student in their **final** year of a paralegal education program or be a recent graduate (within 6 months of application) from a paralegal program, **and** 2) have a "B" average or better.
3. Applicant must submit:
 - A. a typed application,
 - B. two professional references (name, address, and telephone number listed on the application),
 - C. a letter of recommendation from the director/instructor of the paralegal program,
 - D. a copy of the applicant's (unofficial) transcript, and
 - E. a short paper (no longer than four pages, double-spaced) on the topic "Why I Decided to Become a Paralegal."

Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration. Applications and accompanying documents **will not** be returned to the applicants.

4. Selection will be based on scholastic excellence, participation in campus and paralegal program leadership activities, community service, and a stellar writing sample. Proven need for financial assistance may be considered.
5. The scholarship is to be used to pursue a paralegal education and the scholarship check will be made payable to either: 1) the school on behalf of the student, 2) the financial aid provider on behalf of the student, 3) the student and the school, or 4) the student and the financial aid provider. If the scholarship recipient is a second-year student and tuition has been paid in full, PAW is required to pay the award directly to the school, after which the school will issue a check to the student as an overage. We advise all students to check this policy with their school.
6. Applications and all supporting documents **MUST** be received by the Scholarship Coordinator by **Friday, April 5, 2024, no later than 5:00 p.m.**, Attention: Angela Peterson, PAW Scholarship Coordinator, P.O. Box 2719, Madison, WI 53701-2719, or by email to apeterson@gklaw.com.
7. The scholarship recipient will be notified no later than Friday, April 19, 2024, via telephone or email.
8. It is at the Scholarship Coordinator's and Board of Directors' discretion to not award a scholarship during a year in which acceptable applications were not submitted.

Please direct all questions to Angela Peterson at apeterson@gklaw.com or 608.284.2645.