Legal Assistants/Paralegals of Southern West Virginia (LAPSWV) www.lapswv.org Post Office Box 11488 Charleston, West Virginia 25339

2017 LAPSWV CLA/CP SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be a LAPSWV member in good standing and meet the NALA eligibility requirements for one (1) of the following categories before applying for the CLA/CP Exam Fee Award:

Category 1:

Graduated from a legal assistant program that is:

- a. Approved by the American bar Association; or
- b. An associate degree program; or
- c. A post-baccalaureate certificate program in legal assistant studies; or
- d. A bachelor's degree program in legal studies; or
- e. A legal assistant program which consists of a minimum of 60 semester hours of which at least 15 semester hours are substantive legal courses.

Category 2:

Possess a bachelor's degree in any field plus one (1) year of experience as a legal assistant. (Successful completion of at least 15 semester hours or substantive legal assistant courses is equivalent to the one (1) year legal experience.)

Category 3:

Possess a high school diploma or equivalent plus seven (7) years experience as a legal assistant, plus a minimum of twenty (20) hours of continuing legal education completed within a two-year period prior to application for the examination.

For more information concerning the CLA/CP exam, you may obtain the NALA publication, "The CLA/CP Program," from the website, www.nala.org or by contacting Rhonda Swartz, First Vice President at firstvicepresident@lapswv.org, or Melanie Hicks, CP, NALA Liaison at nalaliaison@lapswv.org. Applicants are not required to be NALA members.

Please complete the attached application and submit it by U.S. Mail with a post mark on or before May 31, 2017 to:

LAPSWV 2017 CLA/CP Exam Award Post Office Box 11488 Charleston, West Virginia 25339

AWARD: One Scholarship will be awarded annually in an amount up to \$250.00 (NALA Member) or \$275.00 (Non-NALA Member) at the LAPSWV Thirteenth Annual Seminar and Meeting on Friday, June 9, 2017 in Charleston, West Virginia. The scholarship recipient will be notified prior to the meeting and must be present to accept the award. The scholarship fee will be paid directly to NALA, and the recipient will have one (1) year from the date of the award to sit for the exam. The fee will be refunded to LAPSWV if the recipient does not site for the exam within the one year time requirement.

APPLICATION

Name:		
E-Mail Address:	Telephone:	
Address:		
(Street)	(City, State)	(Zip)
EMPLOYER:		
EMPLOYERS ADDRESS:		
NALA Eligibility Category: (ci	rcle one) 1 2 3	
How long have you been a mem	iber of LAPSWV?	
Describe your participation/invo	olvement with LAPSWV:	
Education: In chronological or all schools you have attended, ir honors/scholarships received, if	der, beginning with the most recent neluding high school. Mention any applicable. (Attach information if	r, list the names and addresses of degrees/certificates earned and appropriate)
Employment: Beginning with t and phone numbers of employer	the most recent (for the past 10 years, position title, name of supervisor employment was full or part-time.	s only), list the names, addresses

Please prepare a brief narrative indicating your educational and career objective. Please discuss your career plans, what you have accomplished, what you have undertaken, and how you think obtaining the certified legal assistant designation will affect your future. Please attach a separate sheet, if necessary.

Please direct any inquires to Rhonda Swartz, First Vice President at <u>firstvicepresident@lapswv.org</u>. or Melanie Hicks, CP, NALA Liaison at <u>nalaliaison@lapswv.org</u>.