

SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines for the award of a scholarship by the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association have an effective date of January 2001 and shall supercede any and all previous guidelines.

1. Scholarship(s) may be awarded to a legal assistant student and/or an Active Association Member.
2. Anyone who meets the requirements outlined below may apply for the SCUPA Scholarship and shall be entitled to equal consideration.
3. Student applicants must be residents of Greenville County who are currently attending, or plan to enroll in an American Bar Association approved legal assistant program; or non-residents of Greenville County who are attending, or plan to enroll in an ABA approved legal assistant program located in Greenville County.
4. Member applicants must be Active Association Members in good standing who are taking, plan to take, or have taken an examination for certification in, or related to, the legal field¹. This also applies to members who are obtaining continuing legal education credits to maintain certification.
5. All applications received will be reviewed on the basis of:
 - Transcript of grades (student applicants only)
 - Copy of Current Certificate or Application for Certification Examination (member applicants only)
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Community involvement
 - Applicant's narrative statement
6. All student applicants must have at least a 3.5 grade point average.
7. If not currently enrolled in a legal assistant program, the student applicant must provide proof of enrollment within a reasonable amount of time, or the scholarship will be rescinded.
8. The scholarship is available to any student applicant meeting the requirements regardless of whether they are enrolled as a part-time or a full-time student.
9. Verification of grade point average and transcripts will be required from the last institution the student applicant has attended.
10. Student scholarship(s) will be issued directly to the ABA approved legal assistant program institution. Active Association Member scholarship(s) will be issued directly to the member.
11. Each applicant must complete the attached Scholarship Application and submit the information listed under Additional Requirements on the application.

¹ This specifically excludes exams leading to the ALS and PLS certification.

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12. Two letters of recommendation are required and shall be included with the application.
13. The scholarship recipient will be entitled to a one-year membership to SCUPA at no charge.
14. A panel of independent judges, appointed by the SCUPA scholarship committee, will review all applications and award the scholarship(s) in keeping with these guidelines. The judges appointed by the SCUPA scholarship committee may be local attorneys, judges, or other qualified persons who have no affiliation with SCUPA.