**AAPA SUSAN RUSSO SCHOLARSHIP**

**Application**

The Susan Russo Scholarship is awarded annually in September of each year. The Scholarship is in the amount of $1,000.00.

Below is information regarding applying for the scholarship.

1. Applicant must be a resident of North Carolina and must be enrolled (or plans to be enrolled) in a North Carolina paralegal program at a community college or in a North Carolina ABA accredited paralegal program.
2. Financial need based on actual educational expenses.
3. The recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or above. If recipient is already enrolled in an accredited North Carolina paralegal program, grade transcripts must be submitted with application. If the required grade point average is not maintained, scholarship funds will be withheld.
4. The scholarship application must be received by the AAPA Scholarship Committee for review no later than August 1 prior to the beginning of the fall semester or quarter. Applications are to be mailed to AAPA, P. O. Box 1713, Asheville, NC 28802 or emailed to tblackburn@ncdoj.gov.
5. Upon review and recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approval of the AAPA Executive Board, the funds will be made through the Financial Aid Office of the educational institution to be deposited into the recipient’s student account at their respective educational institution by the start of the fall semester/quarter to be used for tuition, books and other scholastic needs.
6. If the recipient withdraws from the educational institution or fails to maintain a 3.0 GPA, any funds remaining in the student account will be refunded to the AAPA Scholarship Fund.
7. Recipient must attend at least one AAPA monthly meeting during each semester to familiarize the student with professional group involvement and the objectives of AAPA.
8. Conduct that is not acceptable for scholastic development will be grounds for withdrawing the AAPA Susan Russo Scholarship Award.

If you have any questions, please contact Terrie Blaciburn at tblackburn@ncdoj.gov.

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 **I fully understand that this scholarship is payable to the educational institution of which I am or will be enrolled as a student, for education related expenses only.**

 **I acknowledge that I have read this application and the above scholarship criteria and fully understand them, and agree to be bound by the same.**

 **Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Section A) General Information**

1. Name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Spouses Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any siblings under the age of 18 living in your home? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are there any dependents under the age of 18 living in your home? [ ]Yes [ ] No Do any of these minors get more than half their financial support from you? [ ] Yes [ ] No What are the names and ages of minors living in your home?

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 (name) (age)

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 (name) (age)

1. Are you currently employed? [ ]Yes [ ] No
2. Does your employer offer educational reimbursement? [ ]Yes [ ] No
3. If yes, please list how much you are allowed. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If yes, where do you work and how many hours per week do you work?

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 (employer) (hours per week)

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(position/title)

**(Section B-1) Personal Recommendations**

**1.** Please have someone that you personally know complete this section (spouse, parent, preacher, etc.) Be sure to return this sheet with your application.

 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please explain the reasons you believe this applicant should receive this scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Section B-2) Professional Recommendation**

**1.** Please have a professional acquaintance complete this section (advisor, teacher, counselor, principal, etc.) Be sure to return this sheet with your application.

 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please explain the reasons you believe this applicant should receive this scholarship.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **(Section C) Education**

1. Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (You must include copy of transcripts).
2. Please select (circle) your current year of education:

High School College

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Please list names and addresses of educational institutions that you are currently attending or have attended in the past.

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1. List the Paralegal Degree/Certificate you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the curriculum title?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_**
3. Enrollment status: [ ] Full-time [ ] Part-time
4. Expected date of graduation: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
5. Explain your education and career plans, school and community activities, special honors, special interests, and any additional information that you feel would be relevant to your application. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

**(Section D) Financial Information**

1. Explain your financial needs:

1. If you have received any other financial assistance (including employer), please indicate: (Source)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Amount Received)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Actual Education Expenses based on one Quarter or one Semester:

Tuition/Fees: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Living Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Books (avg.):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Educational Expenses:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Section E) Questionnaire (Attach additional pages if necessary)**

1. What person has influenced you the most in choosing the paralegal career and why?

2. Where do you see yourself in five years?

3. What is your description of the “Perfect Paralegal job”?

4. If you could change anything about the world we live in, what would you change?