



# NFPA<sup>®</sup> / Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller

## PACE<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Application – 2014

Please refer to Procedures Sec 25 for complete description.

**Applications must be postmarked no later than: July 1, 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

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

Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an individual sustaining member of NFPA, check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor's Degree

Year obtained: \_\_\_\_\_ College (name, city and state) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Paralegal Certificate

Year obtained: \_\_\_\_\_ College (name, city and state) \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Substantive Paralegal Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this experience full time paralegal work: \_\_\_\_\_ yes; \_\_\_\_\_ no. If no, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Eligibility:

1. Candidate must be an NFPA member.
2. Candidate must be eligible to take the PACE exam.

### Application Process:

1. Complete the application.
2. Sign the affidavit.
3. Answer the questions below. Your answers should be supported by documentation and give dates, where possible.
  - a. Describe your efforts to further the paralegal profession in your community. Your answer should include association activities, pro bono work, etc. You may attach a supplemental sheet with additional information, if you wish.

- b. List any professional honors/awards you have received or for which you have been nominated.
  - c. List any paralegal or professional publications.
  - d. Do you have financial need for this scholarship? If so, please explain.
  - e. Does your employer reimburse you for expenses to take PACE?
  - f. Does your local paralegal association offer PACE scholarships? If so, please describe the eligibility requirements, frequency, and amount of the scholarship.
  - g. Are there any other factors that you would like the Judges to consider regarding your application for the PACE Scholarship? If so, please list:
4. Write an essay (no more than 4 pages) responding to the question: **“Discuss whether paralegal credentialing exams such as PACE® have a role in paralegal regulation, and if so, how?”** Your essay is not intended to be a research paper, nor is it intended to simply repeat wording from the PACE pages of the NFPA website. Originality is encouraged. Grammar and punctuation will also be considered in the overall score given to your essay.
5. **All submissions must be made by a delivery method requiring a signature.** Mail **original plus three copies** of application, signed affidavit, answers to the questions and essay and accompanying documentation to:

National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.  
23607 Highway 99, Suite 2-C, Edmonds, WA 98026

Incomplete submissions will be reviewed as is without opportunity to supplement

NFPA PACE Scholarship Affidavit

You must complete the following affidavit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear (or affirm) to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following is true and correct:

a. That the contents of this application are true and complete. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

b. That I meet one or more of the PACE eligibility requirements: (select all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ A bachelor's degree in any course of study obtained from an institutionally accredited school and three (3) years of substantive paralegal experience; OR

\_\_\_\_\_ A bachelor's degree and completion of a paralegal program with an institutionally accredited school, said paralegal program may be embodied in a bachelor's degree; and two (2) years substantive paralegal experience; OR

\_\_\_\_\_ An associate's degree in paralegal studies obtained from an institutionally accredited school, and/or ABA approved paralegal education program; and six (6) years substantive paralegal experience; OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Four (4) years substantive paralegal experience on or before December 31, 2000.

c. I agree to take PACE within one year after the date of the scholarship award if I win this scholarship. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here). I understand that if I fail to do so, I must notify the Vice President and Director of Paralegal Certification that I will not be able to take the exam within the allotted time frame and that I will forfeit the scholarship. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

d. I am not barred from taking PACE pursuant to any felony convictions or license suspensions, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

e. I agree that my essay, and application shall be solely owned by NFPA and I relinquish all rights thereto. I further understand that NFPA will provide a copy of my essay to the vendor sponsoring the scholarship, and that NFPA will, space permitting, publish my essay in the *National Paralegal Reporter* should I win the scholarship. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

f. I understand that my application and all supporting documents will not be returned to me and that they remain the property of NFPA. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here).

g. I am the sole author of the attached essay, and further acknowledge that I have not received any assistance on said essay, to include, but not limited to proofreading assistance, editorial assistance, etc. by any person. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here). I further swear or affirm that the attached essay is solely my own personal work product. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here).

h. I understand that this scholarship is to be used solely and exclusively for the purpose of preparing for and taking the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

i. I understand that it is my responsibility to submit my application to take the exam in a timely manner, to schedule my own exam time, and to register for the on-line study review course. It is not NFPA's responsibility to calendar these deadlines. \_\_\_\_\_. (initial here).

Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (print name)