



NFPA[®] / Anonymous Sponsor

PCCE[™] Scholarship Application – 2014

Please refer to Procedures Sec 25 for complete description. Note the procedures outlined for the PACE Scholarship will be the same for the PCCE Scholarship except for the eligibility criteria

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:

_____ Associate or 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:

Eligibility:

1. Candidate must be an NFPA member.
2. Candidate must be eligible to take the PCC 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 PCCE?
 - f. Does your local paralegal association offer PCCE 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 PCCE Scholarship? If so, please list:
4. Write an essay (no more than 4 pages) responding to the question: **“Why are you seeking a professional credential? How will you use the CRP™ credential to promote or advance your career?”** Your essay is not intended to be a research paper, nor is it intended to simply repeat wording from the PCCE 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 PCCE 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 PCCE eligibility requirements: (select all that apply)

_____ A bachelor's degree in any subject, plus a paralegal certificate; no experience or CLE required;
OR

_____ A bachelor's degree in paralegal studies; no experience or CLE required; OR

_____ A bachelor's degree in any subject, no paralegal certificate, 6 month's experience and 1 hour of ethics taken in the year preceding the exam application date; OR

_____ An associate's degree in paralegal studies, no experience or CLE required; OR

_____ An associate's degree in any subject, a paralegal certificate, no experience or CLE required; OR

_____ An associate's degree in any subject, no paralegal certificate, 1 year experience and 6 hours of CLE, including 1 hour of ethics taken in the year preceding the exam application date; OR

_____ A paralegal certificate from a program that meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in NFPA's Short term Paralegal Program Position Statement. 1 year experience and 6 hours of CLE, including 1 hour of ethics, taken in the year preceding the exam application date; OR

_____ Active duty, retired or former military personnel qualified in a military operation specialty as a paralegal and 1 hour of ethics CLE within the year preceding the exam application; OR

_____ Candidates who are within two months of graduating and registered for the PCC Exam by a Director of a paralegal studies program participating in the PCCE Assurance of Learning (AoL) Program at the Partner level; OR

_____ High school diploma or GED; 5 year's experience and 12 hours of CLE, including 1 hour of ethics taken within the 2 years preceding the exam application date.

c. I agree to take the PCCE 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 the PCCE 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 CORE 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)