

VERIFICATION OF FULFILLMENT OF MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

To qualify for Student Membership, the applicant must be currently enrolled in a paralegal / legal assistant¹ program and provide proof of enrollment below. Upon completion of the training program and receipt of a certificate thereof, a Student Member may either immediately submit a change of status to apply for Voting Membership or Associate Membership, or change their membership status at the time of renewal.

My name is _____. I hereby attest that I meet the requirements for Student Membership.

I hereby apply for membership in the Capital Area Paralegal Association as a Student Member. I swear that the above information is correct. I understand that any and all information provided on this application may be verified by any member of the Board of Directors and/or any member of the Membership Committee. I further understand that I may be subject to a criminal background check. If my membership is accepted, I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Capital Area Paralegal Association, and I have read and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility adopted by the Capital Area Paralegal Association and the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.

I hereby certify that I have not been convicted of a felony. (Please check box.)

APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT PROGRAM VERIFICATION

I certify that _____ is **currently** enrolled in a paralegal program with our school.

SIGNATURE

NAME OF UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL, OR PROGRAM

PRINTED NAME

PHONE NUMBER

TITLE

DATE

» MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CHECK PAYABLE TO THE CAPITAL AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION TO:

Joni Bures
Powell & Leon, LLP
115 Wild Basin Road, Suite 106
Austin, Texas 78746

TOTAL DUES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

¹ The definition of a paralegal as adopted by the National Association of Legal Assistants ("NALA") reads as follows: "Legal assistants, also known as paralegals, are a distinguishable group of persons who assist attorneys in the delivery of legal services. Through formal education, training and experience, legal assistants have knowledge and expertise regarding the legal system and substantive and procedural law which qualify them to do work of a legal nature under the supervision of an attorney. However, it is not the intent of CAPA to exclude any member of the legal profession whose job duties fit the definition of paralegal but whose job title remains "legal assistant" or some other similar title. Additionally, the term "substantive" shall mean work requiring recognition, evaluation, organization, analysis, and communication of relevant facts and legal concepts.

VERIFICATION OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Renewing **Voting** Members must complete (five) 5 hours of substantive Continuing Legal Education between January 1st and December 31st to be eligible for renewal. Renewing **Associate** and **Student** Members must complete two (2) hours of substantive Continuing Legal Education between January 1st and December 31st to be eligible for renewal. Substantive continuing legal education completed during any membership year in excess of the minimum hour requirement for such period may not be carried over to the next membership year. Members are allowed no more than one (1) hour of self-study or pro bono service to satisfy the hour requirement. Use the form below to report all appropriate CLE hours obtained during the membership year to CAPA.

Date	Sponsor	Speaker/Topic	Hours
		TOTAL:	

Any amendment or alteration to this form, or failure to sign, will result in disqualification from membership in the Capital Area Paralegal Association at the time the amendment or alteration is discovered. By signing below, you are certifying you have completely and truthfully provided the information on this form.

APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____