



BECOME A MEMBER

JOIN THE LEADING PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

OUR MISSION

Advancing paralegals through certification and professional development

OUR VISION

The preeminent resource for individual and professional success



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Future Members,

2020 marks the 45th anniversary of NALA–The Paralegal Association! Since our inception in 1975 NALA has achieved goals that at one time seemed impossible. With the help of our dedicated members and volunteers, this association has continued to aid in the advancement of the paralegal profession. Every interaction that we share with our members has helped shape the major successes that NALA has seen. This is an exciting time to be a paralegal, and the legal community is continuing to grow and gain important recognition across the globe.

Our main goal has always been to provide the best education and career advancing opportunities for legal professionals. Each year at our annual *Conference & Expo* we have seen significant increases in paralegal attendees. Paralegals come from all over to network, sharpen their skills, and learn from leading legal experts. Our quarterly publication is specifically developed to include content and articles that are of the most relevance to our members. The paralegal profession is constantly evolving and everything that NALA provides has been designed to help you reach your professional goals.

I am honored to be a part of an organization that puts its members above all else. I look forward to the future and seeing what other goals we will be able to achieve. I hope you decide to join our association and be a hand that helps guide us into exciting and career-enhancing improvements.



Vanessa Finley, MBA
Chief Executive Officer





ABOUT NALA

Since 1975, NALA has been trusted to provide exceptional continuing education and professional development designed specifically to advance paralegals and other legal professionals in their careers. NALA connects our members with their peers across the nation and opens doors of knowledge and opportunity.

We provide current information about the paralegal profession, continuing education (publications, courses, and webinars), networking opportunities, professional certification programs, occupational survey reports, and publications to help paralegals excel in the workplace. NALA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization.

WHY JOIN?

NALA is a member-driven association. That means our members are the key to our success. Their dedication, participation, and enthusiasm within both NALA and the paralegal field are the reasons we continue to grow. Joining NALA gives you access to a number of benefits that can help you advance your paralegal career.

\$450

The average dollar value of a NALA membership

\$20

The average amount NALA members save on each education product and program

15K

Individual NALA members and members of NALA Affiliated Associations

95%

Of NALA members said they would renew their membership

FOCUS ON EDUCATION

NALA's services include voluntary certification, continuing education, and networking opportunities. We understand that the paralegal profession is constantly changing and professionals need to be able to keep up with the changes. That is why we have developed continuing education programs and services specifically geared for paralegal growth. Some of the educational resources we provide include our conference and paralegal workshops held every year in July and our array of online education courses, programs, and books.

CERTIFICATION



Becoming a NALA Certified Paralegal means that you have successfully passed a rigorous examination of the knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective paralegal. Earning this credential is a proud achievement that comes with a career-long commitment and national recognition.

CONFERENCE



The NALA *Conference & Expo* brings together hundreds of professionals who value the paralegal profession. Each year our featured speakers share an abundance of information to help our attendees learn and develop their professional skills. This is also a great opportunity to earn CLE hours and network with peers and experts.

EDUCATION



The life of a paralegal can be extremely busy. That is why we offer more than 100 online education courses that earn you CLE hours. We have also developed a variety of educational materials specifically to help paralegals keep their legal skills sharp.

OUR MEMBERS

Our members are the heart and soul of this association. Their constant dedication and participation within the paralegal community is something to be admired. We have members from across the globe and each one plays a vital part in keeping NALA the leading paralegal association.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



FACTS & FINDINGS

Members receive a subscription to the association's journal featuring educational and informative articles for paralegals.

\$35 VALUE



NALA CAREER CENTER

The online career center is the perfect place for NALA members to search for new job opportunities and career tips.



SIMPLELAW®

An online platform where NALA members can grow their contract income opportunities for no additional charge.



NALA COMMONS

Our private member-only collaboration site developed to help paralegals learn and engage from around the globe.



UTILIZATION AND COMPENSATION REPORT

A valuable tool for successfully negotiating compensation and benefits.

\$79 VALUE



DISCOUNTED RATES

Members can save money on NALA continuing education programs and select products.



AFFINITY DISCOUNTS

Receive special local and national discounts on affinity products and services such as office supplies, car rentals, and identity theft protection.



***SELECT COMPLIMENTARY MEMBER EDUCATION**

Members receive access to complimentary education courses and programs.

\$350 VALUE



***\$80 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

This gift certificate can be used towards NALA continuing education programs and courses.

** Applies only to those who have an Active type membership*

FROM OUR MEMBERS

“ *...if it had not been for NALA, for the education and continuing education NALA provides, I highly doubt a judge would have ruled the way he had. I know without a doubt, NALA has been and will continue to be the backbone of how I strive to improve and be better as a paralegal.* **”**

- Angie L. Smith-Babbitt, ACP

“ *I am a true believer in the value of membership in a professional association.* **”**

- Karen G. McGee, ACP

“ *Best paralegal organization ever!* **”**

- Catherine W. Eagles, ACP

“ *I have been a member since 2014 and I have benefited tremendously. The utilization report that members receive has helped me negotiate with my employer when it comes to salary, raises and bonuses. As a NALA member, I absolutely love the \$80 gift certificate that active members receive, and there are so many options available on how to use it! I am always encouraging my fellow paralegals to join this wonderful organization and see for themselves the many advantages that membership has.* **”**

- Airolyn Loggins, MA, ACP-CM

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

ACTIVE - \$154

This is the **only** membership type that includes full voting privileges, and all NALA benefits. Members with an Active type membership may also serve on the Board of Directors, Association Officers, and Committee Chairs. To apply individuals must meet **at least one** of the following qualifications:

- Successfully passed NALA's Certified Paralegal Exam
- Graduated from an ABA-approved paralegal program
- Graduated from an institutionally accredited program with not less than the equivalent of 60 semester hours of classroom study
- Graduated from a paralegal program not listed above, but has at least six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer would attest that such person is a qualified paralegal
- Holds a baccalaureate degree in any field, plus at least six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer would attest that such person is a qualified paralegal
- Minimum of three years of law-related experience under the supervision of an attorney, including at least six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer would attest that such person is qualified as a paralegal
- Minimum of two years of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer would attest that such person is a qualified paralegal

ASSOCIATE or SUSTAINING - \$129

Members with an Associate/Sustaining type membership have access to all NALA benefits excluding complimentary education and gift certificate. Applicants must meet **at least one** of the following qualifications:

- Member of bar association endorsing the paralegal concept or involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession
- Individual involved in the educational field who endorses the paralegal concept or is involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession
- Supervisor of paralegals
- Individuals, law firms, corporations, and paralegal program representatives who endorse the paralegal concept or are actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession

STUDENT - \$50

Members with a Student type membership have access to all NALA benefits excluding complimentary education courses and the gift certificate. To apply individuals must meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled student (taking at least 5 semester hours in the current session or upcoming) in good standing in any university, college, junior college, or other approved school pursuing a course of study as a paralegal
- Not currently employed as a paralegal

**For more information about our student membership please see the student brochure listed on our website.*

ORGANIZATION - FLAT RATE

This membership allows companies to offer all the benefits of an Active NALA membership to all eligible paralegals on their staff for one flat rate. With several different staff sizing options available, you can select the best fit for your entire organization. To learn more about our Organization membership, please call our office at 918-587-6828.

3 WAYS TO APPLY:

- Mail or fax paper application
- Apply online at www.nala.org
- Call our office at 918-587-6828

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please complete the information below. This is required of all applicants for NALA membership.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Preferred Street Address		
City	State	Zip/Postal Code
Preferred E-mail Address		Preferred Phone Number
Organization/Employer Name		
How did you become acquainted with NALA?		
Are you active military or a veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If you belong to a NALA Affiliated Association, please list which association(s):		

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Please complete the information below if you are applying for **ACTIVE TYPE MEMBERSHIP**.

How long have you been employed as a paralegal: _____

Check the most appropriate description of your employer: ☐ Non-profit ☐ Private ☐ Public ☐ Retired ☐ Other _____

Number of attorneys: _____ Number of paralegals: _____ Number of nonlegal personnel: _____

Specialty area of work, if applicable: _____

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Please check one of the categories below if you are applying for **ASSOCIATE OR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP**.

For Associate Membership

Check the categories that apply: ☐ Attorney ☐ Paralegal Educator ☐ Paralegal Supervisor

For Sustaining Membership

Check the categories that apply: ☐ Company or law firm membership ☐ Paralegal Supervisor ☐ Individual Member

PAYMENT

I hereby apply for the following type of NALA membership: ☐ Active (\$154) ☐ Associate (\$129) ☐ Sustaining (\$129)

Check enclosed (payable to NALA) in the amount of \$_____

Credit card charge to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover In the amount of \$_____

Name as appears on card

Card Number

Expiration Date

Billing Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

- ☐ I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility and the Bylaws as adopted by NALA. In accordance with Articles 3.7 and 3.22 of the NALA Bylaws, individuals who are currently incarcerated for any felony offense or on probation, parole, or other court-imposed supervision for a felony offense are ineligible to apply for membership. I further understand that this application is subject to approval by NALA and, as part of my submission, I attest that I have met one of the qualifications required for membership. I further agree to NALA's Refund and Cancellation policy, which is posted on the NALA website.

Signature

Date

**Return this application with payment to: NALA, 6450 S Lewis Ave, Ste 250, Tulsa, OK 74136 or apply online at www.nala.org.
If you have any questions about applying please feel free to contact our office at 918-587-6828 or nalanet@nala.org**



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