NALA is the leading paralegal association in the U.S. NALA is a non-profit organization representing more than 18,000 paralegals who are individual members or members of NALA affiliated associations.

Members of NALA receive the following benefits:

- Access to NALANet which is an online library of case law, legislative activities, and bar association activities
- Subscription to *Facts & Findings* and *Facts & Findings Digital*, NALA’s journal featuring educational and informative articles for paralegals
- *Discounted rates on NALA continuing education programs and select products
- *Select complimentary Member education

(*)Active Membership type only)

**WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS FOR YOU?**

**ACTIVE**

This is the only membership type which carries full voting privileges. Active members are also the only NALA members who may serve as association officers, members of the Board of Directors, or committee chairs. Open to all individuals who meet at least one of the following requirements.

1. Successfully completed NALA’s Certified Paralegal Exam
2. Graduated from an ABA approved paralegal program
3. Graduated from an institutionally accredited program with not less than the equivalent of 60 semester hours of classroom study
4. Graduated from a paralegal program not listed above, but has no less than six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is a qualified paralegal
5. Holds a baccalaureate degree in any field, plus not less than six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is a qualified paralegal
6. 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 attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal
7. Minimum of two years of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is a qualified paralegal

**ASSOCIATE**

Open to individuals who meet at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Member of bar associations endorsing the paralegal concept or involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession, or
2. Individuals involved in the educational field who endorses the paralegal concept or is involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession, or
3. Those persons directly involved in the supervision of paralegals

**SUSTAINING**

Open to individuals, law firms, corporations and paralegal program representatives who endorse the paralegal concept or are actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

*Active Members: $140
Associate Members: $115
Sustaining Members: $115

First year’s dues and initiation fee must accompany the application form. Thereafter, dues are billed annually and you will receive your first bill one year after being admitted to membership.

*20% Discount for active military or active military reserve.

Contributions or gifts to NALA, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However payments may qualify as ordinary and necessary business expense.
Method of Payment

Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable $15 initiation fee. This fee is waived for members of NALA affiliated associations or for those who have successfully completed the Certified Paralegal certification examination.

I hereby apply for the following membership in NALA:  □ Active($140)  □ Associate($115)  □ Sustaining($115)

□ Check Enclosed, payable to NALA, in the amount of $ ________________

Charge to □ VISA □ MasterCard □ American Express □ Discover

Amount _______________________ Card Number _______________________ Expiration Date ________________

Billing Address __________________________________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip ________

Name as appears on the card: ____________________________ Signature ______________________

Are you a member of a NALA Affiliated Association?  □ Yes  □ No  Name of Association: ______________________

Membership Application | PART 1

Please complete the information below. This is required of all applicants for NALA membership. For PART 2 of the form, please complete the section related to the type of membership for which you are applying.

Preferred Address:  □ Home  □ Office

Last Name __________________________________ First Name ___________________ Middle Initial ________

Home Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Home City __________________ State __________ Zip __________ Phone ____________________

Employer’s Name ______________________________________________________________________________________

Employer’s Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________ State __________ Zip __________ Office Phone/Fax ______________________

Preferred E-Mail _______________________ Alternate E-Mail ______________________

I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility and the bylaws as adopted by NALA. I further understand that this application is subject to approval by NALA.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ________________

In accordance with Articles 3.7 and 3.22 of the NALA bylaws, individuals who have been convicted of a felony are not eligible for membership in NALA. (The bylaws can be found on the “About NALA” section of our website www.nala.org.)

How did you become acquainted with NALA? __________________________________________________________
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This information and attestation is required to complete the application for Active membership to NALA.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

How long have you been employed as a paralegal? ________________________ Total years legal experience: ______

Formal or specialized education (name and address of school) or training for present position _________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date of graduation _______ If Certified Paralegal Date certified ______ If ACP (Advanced Certified Paralegal) Date certified ______

Check the most appropriate description of your employer:

☐ Law department; nonprofit organization ______ number of attorneys

☐ Judicial agency; court; government ______ number of paralegals

☐ Corporate law department ______ number of nonlegal personnel

Specialty area of work; if applicable: __________________________________________________________

Check which qualification for Active membership you are applying under (See front page of application) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

ATTORNEY/EMPLOYER ATTESTATION:

(Note: This section must be completed by all applicants qualifying under requirements number 4, 5, 6, and 7).

I hereby attest that ___________________________________________ is employed by me and meets the qualifications for Active membership in NALA as listed under Active membership requirement number ______.

Date _____________________

Name of attorney/employer (please print) __________________________________________________________

Signature ____________________________

ASSOCIATE and SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Part 1 of the membership application is required to complete the application for Associate or Sustaining membership to NALA.

Check the categories that apply:

Associate Membership:

☐ Attorney ☐ Paralegal Educator ☐ Paralegal Supervisor

Sustaining Membership:

☐ Company or law firm membership (If company membership, be sure the contact person is listed in Part 1)

☐ Paralegal Supervisor ☐ Individual member
WHY NALA?

- Continuing Education
- Professional Development Programs
- Connect with Paralegals Throughout the United States
- Leadership Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities