



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 endorse 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? _____

Membership Application | PART 2

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:

Private law office consisting of:

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**



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