Founders’ Award Recipients

1995  Jane Terhune, CLAS (OK) and Dorthea Jorde, CLAS (ND)  Founders of NALA

1996  Una A. Clark, CLA (CA)  First editor of Facts & Findings

1998  Virginia Koerselman, Esq. (NE)  Author & Paralegal Educator

1999  Kay Kasic, CLA (CA)  Former NALA President; Organized the CLA Short Course

2000  Marge Dover, CAE  NALA Executive Director, 25th anniversary

2001  Karen M. Dunn, CLAS, (CO)  Former NALA President; author of Real Estate Review Manual

2002  Crowe & Dunlevy Law Firm (OK)  Firm that filed an amicus brief in the Oklahoma Supreme Court in support of the award of paralegal time in attorney fee cases

2003  Connie Kretchmer, CLA (NE)  Former NALA President; author

2004  Mark Milker, Esq (VT)  NALA Certifying Board member and member of the first APC Board; author; educator

2005  Pamela J. Bailey, CLAS (PA)  Former NALA President; educator

2006  Karen Sanders-West, ACP (KS)  Former NALA President; educator

2007  Marie Grenninger (OK)  NALA Director of Administration; Certification

2008  Amy Howe, Esq (DC)  Filed amicus brief in the US Supreme Court in Richland v. Chertoff in support of award of paralegal time in attorney fee awards

2010  Patricia G. Elliott, ACP (AZ)  Former President of NALA
2011  Glenn A. Leier, Attorney (OR)  Member of NALA APC Board; author and educator

2012  Vicki Voisin, ACP (MI)  Former NALA President, Paralegal Mentor

2013  Jimmie Murvin, ACP, LCP (LA)  Former NALA Board member; teacher and leader in advancing state certification for paralegals

2014  Debra J. Smith, ACP (IL)  Former NALA President; teach and advocate for advanced specialty certification for paralegals

2015  Bradley J. Beehler, Esq. (ND)  Former NALA Certifying Board Member and Advanced Paralegal Certification Board Member; author and educator

2016  Eric D. Olson, J.D. (FL)  Member of NALA Certifying Board and contributor in NALA receiving accreditation by the NCCA

2018  James “Jim” J. Proszek, J.D. (OK)  Served on NALA Certifying Board, helped develop and teach the NALA Short Course in Litigation and Instructor in Civil Procedure at TCC Paralegal Program

2020  Vicki J. Kunz, ACP (ND)  Former NALA President, 2011 President’s Award winner, multiple NALA committee(s) member, Instructor and member of former Leap Program, author