



What Is KALA?

KALA is a professional association for Kansas paralegals and legal assistants, formed in 1981 and affiliated with the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.

KALA encourages greater utilization of paralegals by the legal community and works to increase public awareness and understanding of the profession.

What Is A Paralegal?

“A paralegal or legal assistant is a person, qualified by education, training or work experience, who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity who performs specially delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.”

CLA Examination

As legal professionals, KALA encourages its members to study for the certified legal assistant (CLA) examination, but does not require certification for membership.

Student Membership

KALA’s current Student Membership cost is just \$15.00 per year.

Also, KALA encourages new graduates to join or continue their membership by offering a one-year free Affiliate Membership.

For more information and applications please visit our website at:
www.accesskansas.org/kala



2009-2010



Douglas L. Bebout Memorial Scholarship Application



PO Box 47061, Wichita KS 67201

KALA Scholarship Application



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Evening Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____



- School: Hutchinson Community College
 Johnson County Community College
 Newman University
 Washburn University

Hours Enrolled: _____ (Attach Pro

Date of Application: _____

Are you currently employed as a Paralegal? _____

If so:

How long have you been employed as a paralegal?

Place of employment: _____



Please mail applications to:

Kansas Association of Legal Assistants
PO Box 47061
Wichita KS 67201

REMINDER

Please do not forget to include the documentation that proves current enrollment, Grade Point Average, and credit hour requirements.

Scholarship

The Kansas Association of Legal Assistants in honor of one of its long time members, Douglas L. Bebout, is offering a scholarship to local students for the 2009/2010 school year to help defray the cost of higher education.

The scholarship will be awarded in the form of a check made payable directly to the applicant and can be used in whatever manner they may desire.



Scholarships To Be Awarded

The Kansas Association of Legal Assistants will award a \$250 scholarship to one student in each of the following educational institutions for the 2009/2010 calendar year:

- Newman University
- Johnson County Community College
- Washburn University
- Hutchinson Community College



Timetable

Applications must be postmarked by 06/30/09 and received by 07/05/09.

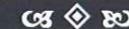
The selection process will be completed and the recipients will be notified by August 1.



Requirements

Eligible applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours of paralegal study courses at one of the listed educational institutions; and
- Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average; and
- Submit an essay along with the application form.



Essay

Title

“Why I Want to be a Paralegal.”

The essay needs to be typed, single spaced on letter size paper and be between one and two pages in length.



Membership Benefits



Newsletter

KALA publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *KALA Reports*, which keeps members apprised of association business, contains articles of interest, and notifies members of upcoming seminars and events.

Educational Opportunities

Regular Membership Meetings

KALA hosts nine educational luncheon meetings each year. Each meeting offers the equivalent of one hour continuing legal education credit through qualified and interesting speakers.

Annual Meeting and Seminar

An all day event held in May of each year, this seminar offers continuing education credit as well as networking opportunities.

NALA Convention

Held in July each year in various locations around the country, and offers a variety of continuing educational opportunities.

Job Registry

KALA receives notification of Legal Assistant and Paralegal positions from many different sources and is able to notify our membership in a quick and efficient manner allowing our membership an advantage over other potential applicants.

Membership

There are four categories of membership in KALA: Voting, Student, Sustaining and Associate. Membership Applications can be downloaded from the KALA website.