



Montana Association of Legal Assistants*Paralegals

Membership in this Association is based on requirements approved by Association members. There are three membership categories which include Active Member, Student Member and Associate/Sustaining Member. Only Active members may vote and hold office in this Association.

Membership Types:

Active Membership (VOTING) - \$35

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

- Successfully completed NALA's Certified Paralegal Exam. *(Copy of Certificate Required)*
- Graduated from an ABA-approved paralegal program. *(Copy of Degree/Diploma)*
- Graduated from an institutionally accredited program with not less than the equivalent of 60 semester hours of classroom study. *(Copy of Diploma)*
- 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. *(Completed Attorney Attestation)*
- 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. *(Completed Attorney Attestation)*
- 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. *(Completed Attorney Attestation)*
- Minimum of one year of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is a qualified paralegal. *(Completed Attorney Attestation)*

Associate / Sustaining Membership (NON-VOTING) - \$15

Open to any individuals new to the paralegal industry who do not qualify for membership under MALA's Active or Student membership types and who meet at least one of the following qualifications:

Associate Membership

- 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

Sustaining Membership

- 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.

Student Membership (NON-VOTING) - FREE

Open to individuals who 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

ATTORNEY-EMPLOYER ATTESTATION

I, _____, am an attorney in good standing in the State of _____ . I attest that _____ meets the qualifications for active voting membership to the Montana Association of Legal Assistants*Paralegals as outlined in requirement nos. i-vii of the Application for Membership.

Dated _____.

Signature of Attesting Attorney

Print name of attesting attorney

Address of attesting attorney

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that _____ is currently enrolled in the Paralegal Studies program at _____ with an anticipated graduation date of _____.

Dated _____.

Signature of Attesting Instructor/Program Director

Print name and Title

Print name of school

Print name of school address and phone number