



PARALEGAL DIVISION ANNOUNCES **TAPS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP**



For the upcoming 2017 Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS), a three-day CLE seminar, the PARALEGAL DIVISION of the State Bar of Texas will award up to two (2) educational scholarships for the three-day registration to attend the TAPS 2017 seminar, "TAPS UnMasqued: The Mystery Awaits." Below are the guidelines and application for applying for this scholarship.

1. The Recipient must be a member (or apply for membership) of the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas.
2. To apply for a TAPS scholarship, the applicant is required to submit a written essay on the following:
Why is CLE important to paralegals, even when certification or membership doesn't depend on it?
Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle. ~Abraham Lincoln
Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. ~Will Rogers
The essay must be two (2) pages in length and double-spaced.
3. To apply for a TAPS scholarship, the applicant is **required to provide two (2) letters of personal reference**, which describe the applicant's involvement in the paralegal profession.
4. Financial need shall be a contributing factor, but not a requirement. However, if two or more applicants are tied in meeting the criteria for the scholarship, financial need shall be the determining factor.
5. Recipients are required to volunteer a minimum of three hours on-sit during the event.

Other

1. No money will be sent directly to the recipient.
2. The scholarship for TAPS shall cover the cost of the three-day registration, but does not include the socials, travel, or hotel expenses.
3. The scholarship selection committee for reviewing scholarship applications for TAPS shall be composed of the Chair of the TAPS Planning Committee, one Planning Committee Sub-Committee Chair, and the Board Advisor to the TAPS Planning Committee.

The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas will award scholarships for TAPS 2017 which will cover the cost of registration in accordance with the TAPS scholarship guidelines.

TAPS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: ALL APPLICATIONS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TAPS 2017 MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017. DATE OF TAPS 2017: October 4-6, 2017, Addison, Texas.

Name _____ PD Membership No. _____
 Home Address _____
 Home Telephone _____ Email Address _____
 Work Address _____
 Work Telephone _____ Fax Number _____
 Employer _____
 Are you a member of a local paralegal organization that offers a scholarship award? _____
 Give a detailed description of your reason for seeking a scholarship to TAPS 2017: _____

Attach two (2) letters of personal reference and your written essay to this application. Applications should be mailed to: Mona Tucker, Scholarship Chair of the TAPS Planning Committee, 2434 US Hwy 59 N, Carthage, TX 75633, or email to taps@txpd.org. *Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter or email by August 11, 2017.*

_____ **Attach any additional explanations**
 Applicant's Signature