

- (a) General Member Eligibility. General Membership is open to any individual who resides or is employed in North Carolina, and meets at least one of the following requirements:
- (i) has completed a paralegal training school or program and is, or has been, employed as a paralegal under the direct supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney; or
  - (ii) has completed three years of continuous on-the-job training as a paralegal under the direct supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney when certified by that attorney; or
  - (iii) is a Certified Paralegal or Certified Legal Assistant (CP® or CLA®) in good standing; or
  - (iv) is a North Carolina Certified Paralegal (NCCP), a North Carolina State Bar Certified Paralegal (NCSB/CP), or a Paralegal Certified by the North Carolina State Bar of Paralegal Certification, in good standing.
- (b) Associate Member Eligibility. Associate Membership is open to any individual who resides or is employed in North Carolina and meets at least one of the following requirements:
- (i) employed under the direct supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney as a paralegal, but has been so for less than three years;
  - (ii) a graduate of a paralegal training school or program but has no practical experience as a paralegal;
  - (iii) an educator associated with a paralegal training school or program;
  - (iv) a licensed, practicing attorney;
  - (v) a former General Member who desires to retain his/her affiliation; or
  - (vi) meets NCPA's General Membership eligibility requirements but resides out of state.
- (c) Student Member. Student Membership is open to any individual living in North Carolina who is enrolled as a student in a paralegal training school or program.
- (d) Patron Member. Patron Members shall be those persons and firms who express interest in giving added support to the goals and programs of NCPA by paying such annual dues as may be set by the Board. Patron Members shall not be entitled to vote at membership meetings of NCPA and may not hold office. Such members may, however, serve as voting members of committees.
- (e) Sustaining Member. Sustaining Members shall be those persons and firms who express interest in giving added support to the goals and programs of NCPA by paying such annual dues as may be set by the Board. Sustaining Members shall not be entitled to vote at membership meetings of NCPA and may not hold office. Such members may, however, serve as voting members of committees.
- (f) Affiliate Member. Affiliate Members shall be those local paralegal associations organized and existing in the State of North Carolina which meet eligibility requirements as established by the Board of NCPA and set forth in the Standing Rules thereof. Each affiliate association will delegate one member thereof who is also a NCPA member, to serve on a committee established by the Board of NCPA in which to network the affiliate members within NCPA and from which committee a director will be elected to participate as a voting member of the Board, provided the director is a general member of NCPA. If the director is an associate member of NCPA, participation on the Board will be as a non-voting member.
- (g) Paralegal Educational Program Membership. Paralegal Educational Program Membership is available to schools offering paralegal or legal assistant educational programs and that are either (1) approved by the American Bar Association, (2) an institution comprising the North Carolina Community College System, or (3) an institutional member of the American Association for Paralegal Education with full voting privileges. Paralegal Educational Program Members shall not be entitled to vote at membership meetings of NCPA and may not hold office. Such members may, however, serve as voting members of committees.