

NORTHEAST INDIANA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

2011-2012 Application for Membership

New _____ Renewal _____



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS AND DIRECTORY.

Name: _____ R.P. C.P. Employer: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____
Contact number(s): _____ Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Check if you do not want this phone number published Courthouse box: _____
*E-mail: _____ Job title: _____
*Your E-mail address is required to receive our newsletter

SEND MAIL TO: OFFICE HOME PLEASE REMOVE MY NAME FROM NFPA'S PURCHASED MAILING LIST : YES NO

Members - please indicate your interest in any of the following committees:

- Website Newsletter Fundraising Education Events
 Scholarship Membership Public relations Advertising

Membership Standing (Please check one):

_____ **Voting Membership - \$65.00**

Any person currently employed as a paralegal, legal assistant or any equivalent position and/or who performs paralegal duties as their primary work activity. [See page 2 for NIPA's definition of a paralegal]

Employment status: Full-time Part-time Temp

Years employed as a paralegal _____ Primary area of law _____

_____ **Associate Membership - \$55.00**

1. Any person who has recently graduated from a formal course of study, upon the completion of which such person is qualified to be employed as a paralegal, or
2. Any person whose primary responsibilities and job classification shall be other than those set forth in NIPA's Bylaws Section 3.02(a) and who does not fall within subsection 3.02(b)(1), but who shall perform paralegal duties on a limited basis; or
3. Any person previously employed as a paralegal or equivalent position, subject to approval of the Board and Membership Committee.

Employment status: Full time Part-time Temp

Years employed as a paralegal _____ Primary area of law _____

_____ **Student Membership - \$35.00**

Any person who is enrolled in a formal course of study, upon the completion of which such person would be qualified to be employed as a paralegal. School attending _____

Expected graduation date: _____

At the Board of Directors' Meeting held March 12, 1996, NIPA adopted the following definition of the term "paralegal."

"A paralegal/legal assistant is a person qualified through education, training and/or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily performed by an attorney. This person may be retained or employed by lawyer, law office, governmental agency, or other entity, or is authorized by administrative, statutory or court authority to perform this work. The work performed by this person shall be under the ultimate supervision of an attorney."

NIPA's membership year is July 1 through June 30. NIPA is a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA). By virtue of your membership in NIPA, you are also a member of NFPA which is the oldest national paralegal association in the U.S., and is comprised of more than 50 member associations and represents over 11,000 individual members reflecting a broad range of experience, education and diversity.

NFPA provides an effective means of communicating issues of national importance and serves as a unified voice in the development of the profession. NIPA is also a member of the Indiana Alliance of Paralegal Associations that was established to deal with statewide paralegal issues.

Dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense, but are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues are non-refundable.

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Make your check payable to: **Northeast Indiana Paralegal Association**
and Mail Check and Application to: **Membership Chair**
P. O. Box 13646
Fort Wayne, IN 46865
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NOTE: All NIPA members are expected to read and abide by the NFPA model code of ethics and professional responsibilities as set forth at NFPA's Website: paralegals.org

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the classes of membership described on this form and that I meet the criteria for the membership status for which I am applying or renewing.

I affirm that I have not been convicted of a felony, that I am not a disbarred or suspended attorney, and that I have not been found to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

DATED: _____, **2011 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** _____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

NFPA **CO-WORKER/PARALEGAL** **COLLEGE** **LAW LIBRARY** **OTHER** _____

PLEASE RANK IN ORDER YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM NIPA:

FACEBOOK ____; **NEWS & WEBSITES** ____; **NEWSLETTER** ____; **NIPA WEBSITE** ____

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