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## Winter 2026

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### Powered by you: What your giving makes possible

*By Doug Friend*

To Our Wonderful Angels and Donors,

As we begin a new year, I'm filled with gratitude and optimism — thanks to you. Your generosity makes every NCRF program possible, and this newsletter is a wonderful snapshot of what your support is accomplishing right now.

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THE NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION  
is now accepting nominations for the  
**NCRF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Nominations accepted  
**FEB. 2 - APRIL 3**

**NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION**

## Lead the way: Serve as an NCRF Trustee. Applications now open

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is now accepting applications for its 2026–2027 Board of Trustees. This is an opportunity for strategic, collaborative leaders who are passionate about giving back to help shape the future of court reporting and captioning.

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## Call for nominations: Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism now open

The National Court Reporters Foundation's highest honor recognizes the devotion and commitment recipients demonstrate to their profession and their community. The Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism nominations are now open to honor a member whose legacy is built on giving back without seeking recognition.

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Honor a court reporter or captioner who is devoted to **MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD**

**NOMINATIONS OPEN**  
**January 7 - May 1**

Only applications and nominations submitted for the 2026 award will be considered. Contact Jill Parker Landsman, [ncrfoundation@ncra.org](mailto:ncrfoundation@ncra.org)

## Foundation Programs

## Two NCRF conference support opportunities open now for students and members



**NCRA Conference & Expo**  
TECH DRIVEN  
human centered

**July 16-18, 2026**  
The Hyatt Regency  
Bellevue, Washington

**ATTEND THE 2026 NCRA CONFERENCE & EXPO**

**The Christine Phipps Family Foundation Travel Award**  
Ten \$1,000 awards

**The NCRF Student Conference Registration Scholarship**  
Ten scholarships (\$320 value)

**Apply by April 24!**

  
NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is pleased to announce that two Conference support opportunities are now open to help alleviate financial barriers for those wishing to attend the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo in Bellevue, Wash., taking place July 16-18.

[Read more.](#)

## A commitment that endures: Help build the future through NCRF's Legacy Society

Through the NCRF Legacy Society, members can ensure that the profession that has supported them continues to thrive for future generations. A legacy donation to NCRF allows members to give back by including the Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate. These planned gifts help sustain programs that advance education, preservation, and professional development.

[Read more.](#)



## Find connection, encouragement, and understanding in the Feb. 12 Peer-to-Peer Support session

### PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT Let's share our stories together!

Hosted on Zoom by NCRF



**Session 1: Feb. 12, 2026**

7:30 - 9 p.m. Eastern

Facilitated by Bev Perez, MSW, former police officer and certified peer support and grief support facilitator

Created by NCRA President Cindy Isaacsen, RPR; sponsored by NCRF



The emotional toll of the work NCRA members do is one of the main reasons President Cindy L. Isaacsen, RPR, an official reporter from Shawnee, Kan., teamed up with the National Court Reporters Foundation to launch the Peer-to-Peer Support program. The next online session will be held on Feb. 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. Eastern.

[Read more.](#)

## Watch the recording: Ask Me Anything about Fiscal Responsibility

Last month's *Ask Me Anything about Fiscal Responsibility* ZoomUp with presenter Michael Sarchek of First Financial Coaching paid dividends for attendees who logged in to get advice and get their questions answered.

Watch the recording to gain valuable perspectives on fiscal responsibility and learn how thoughtful planning today can support long-term financial stability in the future.

[Read more.](#)



## NCRF Grants

### Nominations open for 2026 NCRF Court to CART Grant

Nominations are now open for the 2026 NCRF Court to CART Grant, an annual grant and training program presented by the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) to support the grantee with formal training to provide Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services.

[Read more.](#)

### Celebrating a legacy of service: Nominate a colleague for the Carl Sauceda Grant

The NCRF Carl Sauceda Grant opened for nominations last month in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The \$2,000 grant is awarded annually to an NCRA member who has uplifted others, worked to influence rising court reporters or captioners in their careers, and demonstrated continuous support to growing the stenographic professions.

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## Student Scholarships

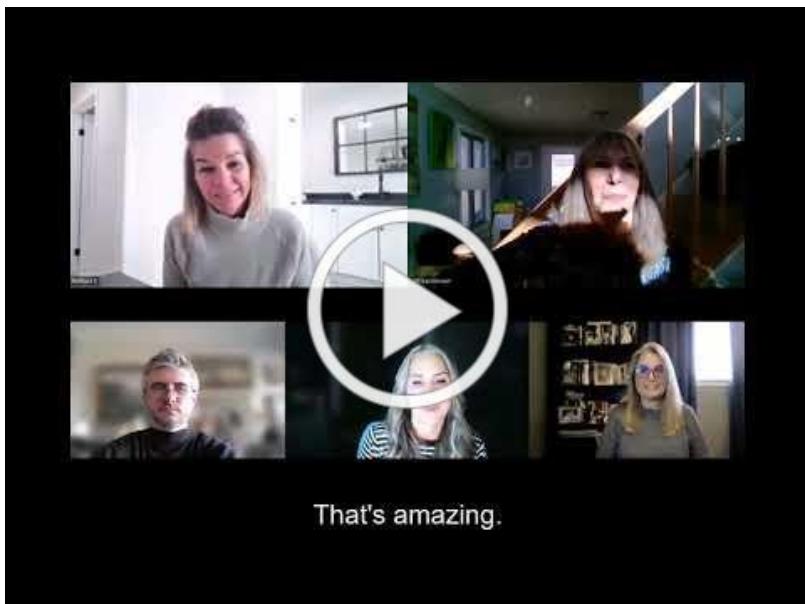
### Now open: Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship. Apply now!



The National Court Reporters Foundation is pleased to announce submissions for the Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship are now open. The scholarship is intended to help an NCRA student member who has been an intern in the past 12 months.

[Read more.](#)

## NCRF and Stenograph honor excellence with the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship



Following a competitive selection process that attracted applications from talented court reporting student candidates, Stenograph and the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) are proud to announce Bridget Roorda of Fairport, N.Y., a student at Alfred State College, as the Fall 2025 recipient of the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship.

[Read more.](#)

## Three students named NCRF Student Intern Scholarship winners

This year NCRF is proud to announce three recipients of the 2025 NCRF Student Intern Scholarship. Chosen through a competitive application process, each recipient demonstrated focus, determination, and a strong commitment to building a career in court reporting.

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### Practice depositions from the comfort of your home

Career Launcher is the innovative professional training program designed for anyone who needs a crash course in the life of a deposition reporter.



### Launch your career: Apply for the NCRF Career Launcher Scholarship

Ready to bridge the gap between graduation and your first deposition? The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is offering the quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship to help dedicated steno students get ahead.

[Read more.](#)

# NCRF Angels

## Become an Angel today

It only takes an \$83 monthly donation to become an Angel. The Angels program is a major source of support for the National Court Reporters Foundation. Angels display their commitment to the future of the profession by donating a minimum of \$1,000 to NCRF within a year. Your monthly, quarterly, or annual donation will be a 2026 tax write-off. Your NCRF support in any amount to any fundraiser is always appreciated.



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## Foundation FAQs

### Important info about NCRF

1. Want to know more about our [Foundation programs](#)?
2. Meet the 2025-2026 [NCRF Board of Trustees](#).
3. Check out our [Foundation fundraisers](#) and select one that means most to you.
4. Reminder that NCRF offers [Making the Record](#) assets for all members to share everywhere.

[Learn more.](#)

**Thank you!**



Giving back to nonprofits that are meaningful to you is a source of joy. The Foundation offers many choices. No matter what stage of your career you are in, you can donate an amount that fits in with your budget. All donations to NCRF fundraisers are appreciated and are a tax write-off. [Consider these campaigns.](#)



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