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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! We're always looking for ways to help you get through school. Here's an unofficial guide for using your veterans benefits, a few creative ways to study for the RPR, and some expert advice on getting to graduation. Plus, scholarships and a way to get a free student membership!

Student Spotlight



What David Le loves about stenography

An engineer by training, David Le was first turned onto stenography when he was selected to sit as a juror in a civil case. Years later, after the birth of his daughter and looking for a change, he decided to pursue court reporting as a career. He found that his love and aptitude for languages, video games, and music made it a perfect fit.

[Read more.](#)

Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting or captioning program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

Student Success

Ask Me Anything about How I Graduated: Focus, determination, and persistence lead to success

During last month's Ask Me Anything About How I Graduated ZoomUp hosted by the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), panelists agreed that focus, determination, and persistence are the keys to crossing the finish line in court reporting school.

[Read more.](#)



The non-conventional ways I studied for the RPR WKT

By Amy Galkin

Turning advisory opinions into skits with stuffed animals was just one of the creative ways Amy Galkin found to turn studying for the RPR Written Knowledge Test into a success story.

[Read more.](#)

The unofficial guide to using veterans benefits for court reporting school

By Liane Hatch

I know we've all heard nightmarish stories about the VA; I've lived through some of them myself along the way. But armed with a little bit of knowledge, some self-advocacy, and a lot of patience, U.S. military veterans interested in court reporting school can take advantage of some tremendous opportunities.

[Read more.](#)



Student Achievements



NCRA is proud to offer the Student Fast Lane program to recognize student speed accomplishments and graduates. NCRA reaches out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds and recent graduates.

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NCRA Student Membership

Looking to earn a free NCRA student membership?

Did you know that court reporting students can earn a free annual NCRA membership through the Student Initiative Program? To qualify, students need to complete any two oral histories from either the NCRF Veterans History Project or Legal Aid History Project.

[Read more.](#)





Membership that works for you

We may be nearing the end of 2025, but you still have plenty of time to get your membership renewed before it expires at the end of December. If you renew by November 30, you'll be eligible to win a \$100 Amazon gift card!

[Read more.](#)

Student Scholarships

Scholarship season is ending: Last chance to apply for four NCRF Student Internship Scholarships worth \$2,000 each



The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) Student Intern Scholarship offers four \$2,000 awards for high-achieving court reporting or captioning students who have completed the internship portion of their education. The deadline to apply is Dec. 5

[Read more.](#)

Launch your career: Apply for the NCRF Career Launcher Scholarship

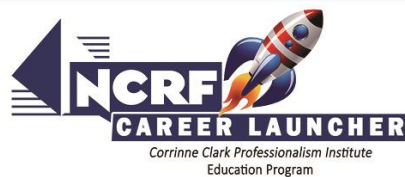
Ready to bridge the gap between graduation and your first deposition? The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is offering the quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship to help dedicated steno students get ahead. The next deadline to apply is Dec. 12.

[Read more.](#)

ACCELERATE YOUR LIFE!

The Career Launcher scholarship covers the cost for students to participate in the NCRF Career Launcher program.

Apply today! Deadline: Dec. 12



How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

JOIN NCRA as a student member and get access to discounts on testing, Conference registration, study guides, and more.

CONTRIBUTE to *Up-to-Speed* by submitting articles, study tips, questions for reporters and instructors, and other suggestions.

LEARN about upcoming scholarship opportunities.

TELL US how we're doing. NCRA welcomes your feedback.

Testing Center

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Online Skills Tests | Registration opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.

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