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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! Are you ready for 2026? It's almost time to Celebrate Court Reporting & Captioning Week, coming Feb. 7-14. And we know the NCRA Conference & Expo isn't until summer, but you can apply today for a free registration — or even a \$1,000 travel award if you are a first-time attendee. We've also got a free webinar to get you into a new study habit and, as always, scholarships! What are you waiting for?

Student Spotlight

Student Spotlight: Steno in the Family



For Myriah Perez, a student from Le Marque, Texas, stenography is a family affair. Inspired by her aunt, Erminia Uviedo, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, Myriah has been navigating her steno journey alongside her sister, Myranda Perez. From study buddy sessions to traveling together to the NCRA Conference & Expo in Minneapolis, Minn., Myriah is proof that having a strong support system makes all the difference.

[Read more.](#)

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

Court Reporting & Captioning Week

2026 Court Reporting & Captioning Week plans are shaping up

Celebrations are gearing up for NCRA's 2026 Court Reporting & Captioning Week being observed Feb. 7-14. For the 14th consecutive year, NCRA members, court reporting programs, students, vendors, and others will celebrate with festivities ranging from special webinars to virtual gatherings, fundraising runs, silent auctions, and more.

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2026 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

FEBRUARY 7-14

New habits for a new year: Live webinar teaches skillbuilding, motivation

NCRA CR&CW LIVE WEBINAR!

STENO HABITS
The Science of Building Skills that Stick

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FREE for Student Members
\$10 for nonmembers

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In celebration 2026 Court Reporting & Captioning Week, the NCRA Student/Teacher and the Membership, Marketing & Outreach Committees present “Steno Habits: The Science of Building Skills that Stick.” This webinar, free for members, dives into the science of habit formation and how it applies directly to court reporting students.

[Read more.](#)

STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.

Event registration deadline tomorrow!

New webinar announced!

Join the new NCRA text network to stay connected with us like never before.

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Student Success

The science of habits: How daily routines can supercharge your steno skills

By Lee Leigh (“Lili”)

As 2026 begins, you have an opportunity to transform your study routines and move confidently toward certification. Reaching 225 wpm requires more than discipline — it requires understanding how your brain forms habits. When you harness the neuroscience behind habit formation, you can accelerate your progress in court reporting and beyond.

[Read more.](#)



I swear

By Chris Herndon

There’s an oath the official court reporter gives potential jurors before voir dire examination begins that those prospective jurors will answer questions from the court and counsel truthfully. And when the jury is eventually selected, in my courtroom it’s the oath administered by the official court reporter and responded to by the jury that attaches jeopardy to a jury trial. But what about the reporter? What oath do they take?

[Read more.](#)



Membership Matters!

Student membership is available to students currently enrolled in a formal stenographic court reporting, captioning, or scoping program. Learn more about student member benefits and how you can earn a free membership through the Student Initiatives Program.

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NCRA Conference & Expo

2026 NCRA Conference & Expo keynote speaker is nationally recognized grammar guru

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo taking place July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash. You won't want to miss this year's keynote speaker, Ellen Jovin, the nationally recognized grammar guru who is a bestselling author and creator of the Grammar Table.

[Read more.](#)



Two NCRF Conference support opportunities open for students and members



July 16-18, 2026 | Bellevue, Washington

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is pleased to announce that it is offering financial support for student members and first-time attendees of the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo in Bellevue, Wash., July 16-18. Applications are now open for registration and travel assistance.

[Read more.](#)

Student Scholarships

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

Find your future!

Fund your education
Develop your career

More than \$45,000 in student scholarships
More than \$23,000 in professional grants

Scholarships, grants, and professional awards from the National Court Reporters Foundation will help you pay for your education and fast-track your career.

Discover more!



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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. Two awards of \$2,000 are available.

[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 March 13.

[Read more.](#)

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.

STUDENTS!
Apply for a Scholarship by
MARCH 13



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CAREER LAUNCHER
Corinne Clark Professionalism Institute Education Program

Complimentary *and* complementary – a brand-new addition to the NCRF Career Launcher experience!



The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is excited to announce the release of the newest addition to the Career Launcher program — Bonus Module: Remote Depositions — available free of charge on the NCRA YouTube channel. This complimentary module includes access to supporting materials, ensuring participants have everything they need to engage fully with the content.

[Read more.](#)

2025 CASE and NCRF A to Z Scholarship winners announced

NCRA and the National Court Reporters Foundation have announced the 2025 recipients of their student scholarships, recognizing the next generation of court reporting professionals. From the prestigious Sue Shelton White Scholarship to 15 NCRF A to Z® awards, these students stood out for their skill, dedication, and professionalism.



[Read more.](#)

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

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens Feb. 1 for testing in March.

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration opens March 1 for testing in April.

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