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Local Court Reporting Student Awarded Scholarship
Hayley Peters, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship

RESTON, Va., July 6, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Hayley Peters, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, a student at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Association’s Council on Approved Student Education (CASE).

Peters, who is currently working on writing 200 words per minute, expects to graduate at the end of this summer. She said her long-term plan is to contract with a firm until she can apply for the Senate.

“From there I’d like to work in The Hague at the International Court of Justice. In between those, I’d like to focus on getting into Realtime and CART. I also want to get involved with the advocacy of this profession,” Peters said.

“This scholarship will help me bridge the gap between my full-time classes that finished at the end of April and getting the last of my speeds to be able to start working,” she added.

Peters said she heard about the court reporting profession from a friend of a friend who was in the same program that she is in. “I didn’t even know there will still stenographers until she talked about it. I was hooked from that moment on,” Peters said. “It’s an exciting career. Every day is different, and the opportunities for interesting work are endless. As a shorthand reporter, you can be a fly on the wall in court cases or hearings of all types, or you could be live captioning television or events for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. It doesn’t seem like remote work will be disappearing any time soon, so there’s lots of flexibility in how you work too.”



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Peters also noted that most importantly, more shorthand reporters are *needed*. “Artificial intelligence and technology are helping to cover the gap we’re seeing between the work available and the shortage of people to fill those roles, but they aren’t able to replace the human element of reporting that’s necessary for the accuracy and context required for the job,” she added.

NCRA’s CASE awards five scholarships annually in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250. The winners are chosen based on a weighted combination of speed, GPA, recommendations, and a written essay.

Notification that applications are being accepted for the [CASE student scholarships](#) is sent each February to all NCRA-approved court reporting programs. For more information on the [CASE Student Scholarship](#), please contact the Education Department at schools@ncra.org.

Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of events, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, educational opportunities, and more.

If you’re looking for a career that is on the cutting edge of technology, offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, like to write, enjoy helping others, and are fast with your fingers, then the fields of court reporting and captioning are careers you can explore at NCRA/discoversteno.org.

[NCRA’s A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) program, a free online six-to-eight-week introductory course lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning, would be a good choice for them. The program is an introductory course in stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download an [iStenoPad app](#).

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter, captioner, legal videographer, or a current court reporting student, or to learn more about the lucrative and flexible court reporting or captioning professions and the many job opportunities currently available, contact pr@ncra.org.

[About NCRA](#)

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 13,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative



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issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership.

Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to 247/WallSt.com, the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [NCRA DiscoverSteno.org](http://NCRA.DiscoverSteno.org).