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Local Court Reporting Student Awarded Scholarship
Jodie Carrico, from Clintonville, Wis., awarded a \$1,500 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 Jodie Carrico, from Clintonville, Wis., a student at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis., has been awarded the [Sue Shelton White Scholarship](#) by the Association’s Council on Approved Student Education (CASE). The \$1,500 scholarship is one of five CASE scholarship awards given each year. It was renamed in 2021 in honor of [White’s](#) national role in the women’s suffrage movement. White was also trained as a stenographer.

Carrico, who plans to complete school by the end of this summer, is working to complete her last two 225 words per minute testimony speed tests. She plans to follow up by earning the NCRA nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and the Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR).

“I had an amazing experience in all of my internships, including in the courtroom, freelance, CART, and broadcast captioning, and I had wonderful mentors in each of those areas,” Carrico said. “Before I started school, I was focusing more on captioning, but since I have been in school, I have pictured myself being an official court reporter (maybe captioning down the road). I feel what will be the deciding factor is when I will finish those last two tests. I will need to evaluate what openings are still available and what would be the best fit for me and my family,” she added.

Carrico said the scholarship will pay for her last semester of school and help cover the costs for some remaining equipment that she wants to purchase to complete her work setup.

“When I was in college 25 years ago for medical transcription, I actually wrote a paper about hearing impairment and the need for TTY and closed captioning. When my job was outsourced four years ago I had the opportunity to go back to school,” Carrico said. “While I was



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thumbing through our local technical school catalog, I saw the programs available for both court reporting and broadcast captioning and was reminded of the research I had done all those years ago. I felt I could best use the skillset that I had with medical transcription and utilize those skills in this profession,” she added.

Carrico said that once she becomes established as a working reporter, she wants to become part of the local career fairs in her area so she can introduce more people to the profession. “I would let them know that there is a tremendous need for court reporters and captioners and you are pretty much guaranteed a job upon graduation if people aren't already contacting you before you graduate, which has already happened for me,” she noted.

“I have experienced nothing but sincere support from veteran court reporters and captioners as well as a huge amount of camaraderie from everyone, including from those who are already retired from the profession all the way to someone who is just starting at 40 words per minute. Everyone is so supportive and willing to help you along the way. Who wouldn't want that when starting a new career?” 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 and offers the opportunity to work at home or abroad, and if you 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.

The [NCRA 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 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



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course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download the [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 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](#).