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Scholarships and grants are plenty for stenographic court reporting students *NCRA and NCRF offer a number of scholarships and grants*

RESTON, Va., Jan. 26, 2023 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, and the National Court Reporters Foundation, the Association’s the philanthropic arm, offer a number of scholarships and grants annually to assist court reporting and captioning students and new professionals on their way to success.

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If you are a student, a new professional, or thinking about a career in stenographic court reporting or captioning, you may be eligible to apply for any of these scholarships and grants offered annually and quarterly by NCRA and NCRF. In 2023, grants and scholarships totaling more than \$27,000 will be awarded. So far, donations secured for 2023 will allow NCRF to continue to support court reporting and captioning students and new professionals into the future.

The list below offers a snapshot of the 2023 scholarships and grants available. Additional information about requirements and applications is available at NCRA.org/scholarships. Professional grants offered by NCRA and NCRF include:

The Carl Saucedo Grant, which recognizes NCRA members who have supported, promoted, and improved the court reporting and captioning professions. Applications for this one-time annual grant of \$1,000 close March 30.

Two New Professional Reporter Grants are awarded annual in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively to new professionals working in their first year after graduation. Applications for these grants open April 1 and close June 2.

The Monyeen Black Memorial Grant in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded annually to a new professional who has earned either the Registered Skilled Reporter (RSR) or the Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) certification within two years of graduating court reporting school. Applications for this grant open May 1 and close June 17.

The Michelle Grimes Memorial Grant is offered annually to one new professional who has earned either the Registered Skilled Reporter (RSR) or the Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) within



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two years of graduating court reporting school. Applications for this \$1,000 grant open May 1 and close June 17.

Two \$1,000 Student Intern Scholarships are offered annually to any NCRA student members who have been interning in a court reporting or captioning role with the past 12 months. Applications for these scholarships open Sept. 1 and close Dec. 1.

Each quarter, five to seven NCRF [Career Launcher Student Grants](#) are awarded to students currently enrolled in a court reporting program who have passed one skills test at 180 words per minute or higher. Each winner receives a free registration worth between \$100 and \$175 for the Career Launcher program.

NCRA offers up to 15 \$750 A to Z[®] Scholarships to students who have completed an [NCRA A to Z Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program](#) and passed one skills test between 60 and 100 words per minute. Applications for these scholarships open July 1 and close Sept. 1.

NCRA's Council on Approved Student Education (CASE) offers five student scholarships annually to NCRA student members currently attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program, and who have passed one skills test between 140 and 18 words per minute. The scholarships are offered at \$1,500 (the Sue Shelton White Scholarship), \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250. Applications open for these scholarships on July 1 and close on Sept. 1

In addition to scholarships, NCRA also offers student members a variety of mentoring, educational, and networking opportunities.

Visit NCRA.org/scholarships for more information and full application criteria.

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. 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.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, 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.



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As a charitable organization, the Foundation relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations, the majority of which come from NCRA members and associated businesses. To donate, or for information on NCRF's programs, visit NCRA/Foundation.org, or call 800/272-6272, ext. 126.

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 12,000 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.