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NCRF announces winner of Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship
Mariana Schmidt from Munhall, Pa., named 2025 recipient of \$2,000 award

RESTON, Va., July 28, 2025 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) announced that Mariana Schmidt, from Munhall, Pa., has been named a 2025 recipient of the [Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship](#) in the amount of \$2,000. NCRF is the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made during an awards luncheon held at the [2025 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) that took place July 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

“Being honored by this organization and committee is a dream come true for me and is a memory that I will treasure forever. I humbly accept this award with the most upmost gratitude and appreciation for NCRF, the Angel Gatherers Committee members, and the family of Gina Battaglia,” said Schmidt, a student at the Community College of Allegheny County in Allegheny, Pa.

“This scholarship will tremendously assist me in the transition of completing school and starting my career. I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart,” she added.

The [Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship](#) was created by NCRF Trustees and the Angel Gatherers Committee members to honor the memory of Gina Battaglia, daughter of Angel Stephanie Zeder Battaglia, RMR, CRR, a freelance court reporter from Hinsdale, Ill. Gina passed away unexpectedly in October 2022. Stephanie’s Facebook practice colleagues and other court reporting friends started a fundraiser to honor Gina’s memory. She is also now an NCRF Memorial Angel. The scholarship is intended to help an NCRA student member who has been an intern in the past 12 months.

Applicants must be nominated by their court reporting programs and must also submit a letter of recommendation and an essay. Judicial, CART, and captioning students are encouraged to apply. See the [NCRF scholarship page](#) for full eligibility and submission details for all of the scholarships



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and grants offered. These memorial scholarships and grants for court reporting students and new professionals are intended to help them in a meaningful way by providing additional resources during their court reporting learning journeys. With school-related costs rising each month, winning a scholarship assists in providing financial relief as students purchase their tools.

To contribute to the NCRF Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship, text the keyword **ginab** to 41444 or donate online [here](#).

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, 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.

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. 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.

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 should explore.

[The NCRA A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) program is a free online six-week introductory course, provides participants with the opportunity to see if a career in court reporting or captioning would be a good choice for them. The program is an introduction to stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine.

[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 125 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.



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