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Local Court Reporting Student Awarded Scholarship
Julie Layton from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, awarded \$750 scholarship

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 17, 2019 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, today announced that Julie Layton, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a student at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, has been awarded a \$750 scholarship by the Association's Council on Approved Student Education (CASE). The announcement was made at NCRA's 2019 Convention & Expo being held Aug. 15-18, in Denver, Colo.

Each year, CASE awards five scholarships to students who attend an NCRA-approved court reporting program. To be eligible to apply, students must also hold a student membership in NCRA, have attained an exemplary academic record, and passed one skills test writing at between 140 and 180 words per minute. Students are also required to submit a speed verification form, three recommendation forms, a copy of their most recent transcript, and an essay in response to a topic chosen by members of CASE. The 2019 essay question was: "Describe the importance of earning your Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) certification as a new professional."

In her essay, Layton wrote that having already passed her Jury Charge portion of the RPR test, she is already beginning to sense the satisfaction of putting in the work and sacrifice to earning the three letters after her name.

"My number one reason is that it shows that I take my career seriously," wrote Layton. "This will show that I put in the extra time, money, and effort into my career. Along with that, I have read that a certification will tell future employers and professional peers that I am well-qualified," she wrote.

"The written portion of the RPR exam will improve my understanding of things that I will be faced with every day in my career. Being prepared is something that is important to me to start this career with, and the RPR will improve my ability to be more prepared."

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 realtime. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of



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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. Be sure to visit [NCRA's Press Center](#) for information as well.

Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that does not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [DiscoverSteno.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 14,000 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, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020.