



# The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals

*A Charter Member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations*

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## 2017 MARY L. CREEKMORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### About Mary



Mary L. Creekmore was an active member of The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals (PAP) advocating on behalf of paralegals everywhere. Before becoming President of PAP in 2000, Mary served in many capacities, including chair of the Public Relations Committee and Secretary of the Board. During her tenure as President, Mary reinvented the PAP newsletter, starting the committee from scratch, serving as Editor-In-Chief and putting in place the right people to create what has been an important and lasting part of the organization ever since. Looking toward the future, Mary took the first steps towards creating a website for PAP, which went online in its initial format, during her Presidency. She also coined the phrase "Excellence in Skill and Ability", which has been the Association's tagline and is still used by PAP.

Mary Creekmore had a knack for bringing out the unique talents in others, supporting and nurturing those talents and providing leadership to those with whom she worked. To that end, Mary recruited many new members into leadership roles within the organization and was, and continues to be, an inspiration to many in the Association. Mary was instrumental in putting together the marketing committee and the marketing packages. Mary initiated the process for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for PAP by starting the 30th anniversary committee in 2002 and serving as the initial chair of the committee. She supported efforts to start a Professional Development Committee and helped to reach out to the schools in the area.

Mary taught at the paralegal program at St. Joseph's University for many years where she taught Professional Responsibility and Ethics to paralegal students. She also served at the national level, first as a delegate representing PAP with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) and then as Region IV Director for NFPA in 2001. She served as the NFPA Ethics and Professional Responsibilities Coordinator in 2002.

Mary was the first paralegal appointed to the Editorial Board of *The Legal Intelligencer*. For over five years she also served on the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention in the Investigative Division. She was a prolific writer on the paralegal profession and developed and presented many seminars on topics such as Trial Preparation, Discovery and how to Prepare for and Conduct Yourself on an Interview. She spoke at numerous events on behalf of PAP.

In addition, Mary gave freely of her time to charitable endeavors. She helped to deliver toys at holidays with the Support Center for Child Advocates. She helped support the local arts and volunteered with WXPB Public Radio. She enjoyed biking and participated in bike-a-thons to raise money for the American Cancer Society to support cancer research.

Mary obtained her Bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University. She worked for many years at Cozen O'Connor and Reed Smith, LLP. Her most recent position was with Kessler Topaz Meltzer Check LLP in Radnor. Being a paralegal was always a great source of pride for Mary and she was a true believer in the paralegal profession.

In her last few months, Mary decided that she wanted to pass something on to future paralegal students, so she decided to create a scholarship fund to benefit the next generation of paralegals. Although Mary passed away on August 5, 2014, the Mary L. Creekmore Memorial Scholarship lives on in her memory.

### About the Mary L. Creekmore Memorial Scholarship

#### Mission Statement

To preserve and foster the ideals of Mary L. Creekmore by supporting the paralegal profession and individuals who aspire to the profession who share like-minded ethics, values and interests.

The Mary L. Creekmore Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 award given to a paralegal student who shares Mary's vision for the paralegal profession. The winner is selected by members of the Professional Development Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The award is presented at the Association's Quarterly Luncheon in January 2017.

Applications are available on the Association's website as of August 1, 2016. ***All applications must be postmarked by Friday, December 2, 2016.*** Certain restrictions and requirements apply. See the Application Instructions for details.



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**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Students demonstrating academic excellence while enrolled in a paralegal studies program within the Delaware Valley area. PAP membership is not required.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:** \$2,000.00 (Proceeds made payable to the school)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** (5 page *maximum*; double spaced; 12 pt. font; Times New Roman/Arial ONLY)

1. Submit an essay on the following topic:

The theme of the 2014 PAP Education Conference was "The Ethical Paralegal." Explain what it means to be an ethical paralegal. Please provide examples of ethical dilemmas and how you, as a working paralegal, would handle these situations.

***NOTE:*** Be sure to include statements about your academic success and/or work/internship experience. Community service is a plus, but not required. Include your participation with The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals, if any.

2. Complete the attached Contact Information/Certification of Attendance Form and return it with your essay.
3. ***OPTIONAL:*** Submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation confirming your participation in a community service activity. *If submitted, official letterhead required.*

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** All applications must *be postmarked by Friday, December 2, 2016.* No exceptions!

**MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:** Professional Development Committee  
Attn: MLC Scholarship  
The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals  
P.O. Box 59198  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9198

***NOTE:*** To be considered, *all criteria must be met.* A representative from the Professional Development Committee will notify the winner via regular mail, email and/or telephone. Failure to respond to the award notification within five (5) business days will automatically forfeit the award. Direct all questions to [philaparalegals@gmail.com](mailto:philaparalegals@gmail.com).



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## 2017 MARY L. CREEKMORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### A. To Be Completed By Student (*Please Print Legibly*)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Work Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. To Be Completed By School Administrator

This will certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a student in good standing,  
(Student's Name)

currently enrolled in and attending the \_\_\_\_\_ school  
(Name of School)

or paralegal certificate program offered by our institution. The student has a current grade point  
average of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(GPA)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.

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Email Address



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- Answered the question in an essay format
- Proofread for length, formatting, spelling, grammar, content and professionalism
- Enclose the Completed Certificate of Attendance and Academic Excellence Form
- OPTIONAL:* Enclose at least one (1) Letter of Recommendation on official letterhead
- Mail form before *the December 2, 2016 deadline to:*

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