



**BILL TSCHETTER PARALEGAL STUDIES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Fall 2017 Academic Term**



This scholarship is offered in memory of R. William "Bill" Tschetter, who in 1988 started National American University's Paralegal Studies Program. "Bill was a man of vision," recalls Paul Sedlacek, NAU's General Counsel. "The college didn't start the program. Bill approached the college. A lot of people are slowing down at age 64, not starting something new." Bill is remembered by former student, Ellen Bishop, as someone who taught his students "soft, funny and serious, but above all, well. He believed in the law, and he wanted us to be a part of a team." Bill passed away in 1996 but his legacy – the NAU Paralegal Studies program and graduates – remains.

Recipient Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the Paralegal Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship, the student must:

1. Be enrolled in NAU's Paralegal Studies program, *and*
2. Have attended half-time or more at National American University during the winter and spring 2016/17 terms, *and*
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5, evaluated at the end of the most recent term.

One award is available to one student in the amount of \$500. The award will be disbursed for the Fall 2017 term, conditioned upon enrollment in the Fall 2017 term.

Past recipients of this scholarship are ineligible. Total scholarships and funding received from NAU or the NAU Foundation, NAU Employee Education Benefits, federal grants and outside resources must not exceed the total amount due for tuition per course, or the scholarship will be reduced.

If you are utilizing Federal Financial Aid to assist with paying for your tuition, and if you are approved for this scholarship, it could affect the amount of Federal Financial Aid you are eligible to receive. If you have questions about how it will affect your Financial Aid prior to applying, please contact your campus financial services representative.

Application forms will be available on or about July 1, 2017 at naufoundation.org/scholarships or from your advisor.

The application and essay (see below), must be received no later than August 1, 2017 and are to be submitted by email to foundation@national.edu; or by fax to 605-721-5241; or by mail to:

NAU Foundation
Attn: Paralegal Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship
5301 Mt Rushmore Rd
Rapid City, SD 57701

A complete application includes, and the selection committee will consider, the following:

1. Application form, *and*
2. A brief autobiography, including your reason for why you chose to pursue a paralegal studies degree, and where you hope the career will take you.

Other considerations may include:

- ✓ Academic achievement at National American University.
- ✓ Financial need.



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APPLICATION FORM**

A complete application, including attachments, must be received no later than August 1, 2017, submitted to foundation@national.edu or by mail to: NAU Foundation, Attn: Bill Tschetter Paralegal Studies Scholarship, 5301 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57701

Applicant's Name: _____
Last Name First Name M.I. (Maiden)

Current Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Start Date at NAU _____

Campus _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Have you applied for financial assistance for the upcoming academic year?

Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain. _____

Are you currently employed? (Part-time/full-time--explain) _____

Optional: "My Reason": In one word or one brief sentence, what is your reason for going to college?

Please attach and submit with this application a **brief autobiography** (250 words or less) including your reason for why you chose to pursue a paralegal studies degree, and where you hope the career will take you.

May we publish your "My Reason" word or sentence? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, please also return the attached Media Release with your application materials. This is optional and has no bearing on one's eligibility to receive a scholarship).

If you are accepted to receive a scholarship, may we use your name, campus, expected graduation date and degree in NAU publications? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, please also return the attached Media Release with your application materials. This is optional and has no bearing on one's eligibility to receive a scholarship).

Student's Signature

Date

**Media Release is optional.
It has no bearing on one's eligibility to receive a scholarship.**



Media Release Form

Name _____

Program of Study _____

Campus _____

Email _____

I consent to allow National American University to use information, photographs, video and other images of me for any purpose, including but not limited to, publicity, promotion, and advertising. I understand and agree that all such material and any reproductions are the property of National American University, which has the right to copyright, duplicate, alter, distribute, and publish them in any manner and in any format. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy that may be created in connection with such material. I release and agree to hold harmless the university, its officers, agents and employees, and all persons acting under its permission or authority, from any claims and liability in connection with such material. I am at least 18 years of age, have read this consent and release, and fully understand its contents.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

____ My Photo is Attached (optional)