

## 2009 IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF PARALEGALS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF DENISE O'DONNELL-DAY



The Idaho Association of Paralegals, Inc. scholarship is named for the late Denise O'Donnell-Day who died on December 28, 1996 at the age of 39 following a valiant fight with cancer. A graduate of Georgetown University and Marquette Law School, Denise was director of the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program (IVLP). Through her work at IVLP, she worked successfully to pair disadvantaged persons needing legal services with those willing and able to provide those services on a pro bono basis.

Denise was also a champion of the paralegal profession. As one of the first instructors in the Paralegal Studies Program at Boise State University, she taught her students the basics of the law. Beyond that, she shared her passion for providing quality legal services to the poor, and encouraged her students to volunteer their time in that endeavor. She cared deeply about education for paralegals and always made herself available to a student with a question or one in need of more information. If she didn't know the answer to a student's question one week, she'd have the answer by the next. Her commitment to the educational process was unflagging.

Everyone who knew Denise was touched by her gentleness, compassion and desire to make the world a better place. We name this scholarship in her honor and pledge to carry forward the commitment to quality legal services she inspired in so many of us and that she worked for throughout her life.

Contributions to the Idaho Association of Paralegals, Inc. Scholarship Fund are appreciated and may be tax deductible! If you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to the Idaho Association of Paralegals, Inc. and write "Scholarship" on the memo line. Please mail your donation to:

Scholarship Committee  
Idaho Association of Paralegals, Inc.  
P. O. BOX 1254  
Boise, ID 83701

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**ELIGIBILITY:** The applicant must be accepted and enrolled for class(es) in the Paralegal Studies Program at Boise State University ("Program"). The successful applicant must provide a transcript evidencing attainment of at least a B average in the Program class(es) for the immediately preceding semester. In the case of new enrollees to the Program, the successful applicant must provide a transcript evidencing attainment of at least a B average in other college-credit classes qualifying the applicant for entrance into the Program.

AWARD: One scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$200 per semester so long as the successful applicant has maintained at least a B average in all Program classes. Scholarship awards will be made payable directly to the successful applicant prior to the start of the semester. After receiving written notification from IAP of the award, it is the responsibility of the scholarship winner to contact the Scholarship Committee for arrangements for the award to be paid.

CRITERIA: Selection will be based upon scholastic excellence, participation in campus, paralegal, and community activities, and review of the writing sample. Proven need for financial assistance may be considered. IAP membership is not a requirement.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2009 for consideration. THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

1. A letter of recommendation from the director of, or a faculty member of, the Program, or from an employer.
2. A transcript evidencing your attainment of at least a B average. The transcript need not be an official transcript.
3. A typewritten paper (no more than three pages double-spaced) indicating your career objectives following your receipt of a Program certificate. (Address your career plans and include a statement of what you have accomplished or undertaken to prepare for your desired career employment. Discuss what you have done or are doing to make yourself a competitive candidate for a paralegal/legal assistant position.)

THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ALL ASSOCIATED MATERIALS MUST BE MAILED VIA U.S. MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF PARALEGALS, INC.  
P. O. BOX 1254  
BOISE, IDAHO 83701

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#### Terms and Conditions

All applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2009 to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration. The Idaho Association of Paralegals, Inc. Board of Directors and/or the Scholarship Committee (collectively referred to herein as "IAP") reserves the right to verify any claims made by an applicant, and submission of the application constitutes the applicant's consent to do so. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony are not eligible for the scholarship. IAP disclaims all liability for any delays, misdelivery, loss, insufficient postage or failure in the delivery of any application. Applications sent via facsimiles or email will not be accepted. Scholarship amounts awarded are nontransferable. IAP retains the right to NOT award the scholarship for any reason. By applying for the scholarship, applicants agree to be bound by the Committee's decision. IAP reserves the right to disqualify any applicant or winner and may refuse to award the scholarship to a person who is ineligible or whom IAP believes has been awarded the scholarship through fraudulent means. The successful applicant is solely responsible for reporting and paying any and all applicable taxes. All decisions by IAP are final.