



Membership Application
Please print or type

Name: _____

RESIDENCE INFORMATION

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Home E-Mail: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

Business E-Mail: _____

Job Title**: _____

Job Duties/Area of Specialization/Practice Area**: _____

** must be completed to confirm membership status.

HOW WOULD YOU PREFER THAT WE CONTACT YOU? WE WILL USE THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

Mailing Address: Home or Business

Phone Number: Home or Business

Fax Number: Home or Business

E-Mail Address: Home or Business

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Highest Degree or Level Schooling (i.e. high school/college): _____

Name, City and State of College: _____

Date of Degree or Conferred Diploma: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Do you have a paralegal certificate? Yes No

If yes, or you are currently a student, please complete below:

Name, City and State of College: _____

Date or Expected Date of Conferred Paralegal Certificate: _____

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

If you are currently employed with a job classification as a paralegal, how many years have you been employed as a paralegal? _____

What work experience do you have other than as a paralegal that influenced your decision to pursue a paralegal career or otherwise benefited your paralegal career?

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND ANNUAL DUES

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Bylaws of Michiana Paralegal Association, Inc., a "Paralegal" is defined as a person, qualified through education, training, or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer. This person may be retained or employed by a lawyer, law office, governmental agency or other entity or may be authorized by administrative, statutory or court authority to perform this work.

- Voting (\$55.00) (Any person whose job classification shall be Paralegal or as defined in Article 2 shall be eligible for membership as a Voting Member of MPA)
- Associate (\$40.00) (Any person who has completed a formal course of paralegal studies, but who either is not currently employed or is employed in a position that does not satisfy the MPA definition of a Paralegal)
- Student (\$25.00) (currently any person who is enrolled in a formal course of paralegal studies)

MPA STANDING COMMITTEES

MPA is composed of a variety of standing committees. Please indicate any committees in which you have an interest:

- Membership
- Publicity/Community Relations/Newsletter
- National Affairs/NFPA/Association
- Meetings
- Finance/Fundraising
- Education/Seminars
- Nominating
- Student Liaison

DINNER MEETING SPEAKERS

What topics would you like to have addressed at membership meetings? _____

Do you have any suggestions for dinner speakers? _____

YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME:

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to Cherylan Shearer, Membership Chairperson, at scot_cheryl@msn.com.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

**Please make check payable to: Michiana Paralegal Association, Inc.
Application and check should be mailed to:
Cherylan Shearer, Membership Chairperson
1408 West Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, Indiana 46526**

Memberships run for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Dues are non-refundable and payable upon application. Dues may be deductible as an ordinary business expense, but are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. MPA membership includes membership in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations ("NFPA"). Dues are paid by MPA to NFPA; a portion of which pays for your subscription to the *National Paralegal Reporter*. In St. Joseph County, Indiana, MPA members are eligible for associate membership in the St. Joseph County Bar Association. MPA members are eligible for associate membership in the Indiana State Bar Association