

INDIVIDUAL PRO BONO AWARD

Purpose: This award recognizes an individual who is a practicing paralegal and has exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services.

Nomination Process: Any individual or association may nominate a practicing paralegal for this award. The submission can also be self-nominating. The nomination shall be submitted as a letter of nomination of no more than two pages and shall include, but not be limited to:

- Name and address of practicing paralegal being nominated.
- Name, address and phone number of the nominating individual or contact information for the nominating association.
- A detailed synopsis, including, but not limited to, a clear identification of the Pro Bono services and accomplishments of the nominee.

Eligibility/Criteria for Selection: This award is open to all practicing paralegals. The nominee need not be a member of NFPA or an NFPA member association. The determination of the award recipient will be at the sole discretion of the Judges. The general criteria to be considered shall include, but are not limited to:

- The nominee must have offered Pro Bono services designed to target a portion of the population which cannot otherwise afford legal assistance.
- The nominee must have contributed to the delivery of quality legal services to members of the community who are unable to pay reasonable or customary legal fees. The nominee must also further enhance the delivery of such legal services.
- The nominee must exhibit a true dedication to the delivery of quality legal services.
- At no time will the Judges consider the number of hours contributed by the nominee, nor the number of people assisted in the program
- The Judges will consider the dedication and motivation of the individual paralegal who has most enhanced the delivery of quality legal services to that portion of the population who cannot otherwise afford legal services.
- Greater weight shall be given to those nominees who provide Pro Bono services outside of or in addition to their normal course of employment.

Award Presentation: The award includes a commemorative plaque. If a sponsor is secured or at the Board's discretion, the award may also fund a \$1,000 donation to support the pro bono project of the recipient's choice.