

## **ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN LEX**

In recognition of the broad diversity of paralegal programs at AAFPE member institutions, each institution at which a chapter of LEX is established may determine the specific criteria and qualifications for membership in its chapter on condition that such criteria and qualifications be within the National Standards for Membership in LEX (hereinafter the “National Standards”). The National Standards are as follows:

1) Membership in LEX is limited to students in good standing at the institution who are enrolled in a program of Paralegal or Legal Assistant Studies. An institution may apply for a one-time exemption to this limitation for the sole purpose of inducting alumni who would have qualified for induction if the institution had established a chapter of LEX at the time the alumni graduated.

2) A student may not be eligible for induction into LEX unless the student, at the time of induction, has completed not less than two-thirds of the program requirements to complete such program as determined by the institution.

3) The student to be inducted must demonstrate “superior academic performance” which is evidenced by an *overall* grade point average of at least 3.25, plus a grade point average *in their paralegal classes* of at least 3.50, to make membership in LEX a true and meaningful academic honor within the institution and a recognizable indication of superior academic achievement to members of the legal profession in the geographical area served by the institution.

4) Each institution must submit the following to the National Coordinator at the time it submits the names of students to be inducted into LEX:

A written description of the method by which the institution calculates “two-thirds of the program requirements” to complete its program as required in paragraph (2) above for determination of the total number of students who are eligible for induction.