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### **NCRF presents Robert H. Clark Scholarship to local student** *Laurel Stalnaker named recipient*

**RESTON, Va., Aug. 12, 2017** — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the 2017 Robert H. Clark Scholarship to Laurel Stalnaker, a student from Sumner College in Portland, Ore. NCRA is the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, broadcast and CART captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon held during the NCRA Convention & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., taking place Aug. 10-13.

The \$2,000 Robert H. Clark Scholarship is named for the late Robert H. (Bob) Clark, a court reporter from Los Angeles, Calif., who was dedicated to preserving the history of the profession. Stalnaker is the third recipient of this scholarship.

“I am humbled to have won this scholarship, and I am grateful to have been nominated by my instructor. It will allow me to invest in myself in my new profession,” said Stalnaker. “I have been in school for two years now, and since day one I have been using an older student steno machine. Lately it has been having connectivity issues during class and, even worse, during tests. Recently I have been looking to buy a newer model for reporting professionally since I am only three tests away from graduating. This scholarship will allow me to start my career on a positive note. I am eager to invest in a newer model and to excel in my last exams before I graduate.”

Students are nominated by instructors or other officials at their schools. To be eligible, nominees must be NCRA members, enrolled in an NCRA-approved court reporting program, have passed at least one of their program’s Q&A tests at 200 words per minute, and possess a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, among other criteria.

To learn more about NCRF’s scholarships and grants, visit [NCRA.org/NCRF/Scholarships](http://NCRA.org/NCRF/Scholarships).

For more information, visit [NCRA.org](http://NCRA.org). Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that does not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [DiscoverSteno.com](http://DiscoverSteno.com).

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