

## **Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting Offers No-Interest Payments in Time of Rising Student Loan Interest Rates**

Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (BRSCR.com) offers a no-interest payment plan for court reporting training as an alternative to federal student loans with escalating interest rates.

Baton Rouge, LA (<u>PRWEB</u>) May 31, 2012 -- While interest rates are expected to rise on some federally subsidized student loans in 2012, some schools, like <u>Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (BRSCR)</u>, offer interest-free payment plans to make tuition affordable on a pay-as-you-go basis. Not really a loan, BRSCR offers an open-ended enrollment for some of its programs with a flat monthly tuition that is free of interest and locked in for the duration of the student's enrollment.

According to Karen Vornkahl, BRSCR school owner/director, the ability to pay a modest tuition price without interest while in school allows a student to achieve training for a lucrative career and be debt free upon graduation. "We know our students are paying out of their pockets for their training," which includes court reporting, CART and broadcast captioning, and scopist training, "but they will not have a load of debt to pay off when they're finished."

An added bonus, according to Vornkahl, is that when a student pays their own tuition, or sees it being paid by a family member, the incentive is strong to complete the course timely and not waste time or money. "Sometimes, when federal funds are involved that the student doesn't see or have to pay until much later, there's a disconnect between the training mission and the money it's actually costing."

Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting teaches both machine steno skills court reporter training, which can take up to three years to accomplish, as well as voice training, with the program costs varying with the method. Because BRSCR is not tied to US Department of Education requirements for federal funds, it can offer flexibility in its payment plans and in scheduling around student needs. "Because our training can take up to several years to complete, we have to be able to adapt to changing situations in our students' lives, like marriages, births, family crises, illnesses, and job changes. Being a private school, we feel like that's a strength for us."

Because court reporting, captioning, and scoping are typically home-based careers, demand is high for the skills needed to succeed in these careers, with a strong hiring outlook as reported by <u>Career Cast.com</u>. Being able to choose these careers with monthly, interest-free, pay-as-you-go plans improves the chances of success.

Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting offers both online and onsite training programs in court reporting, CART/captioning, and scoping. Its sister campus, <u>Professional Institute of Court Reporting</u>in Metairie, Louisiana, also offers onsite court reporting instruction.



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