

ALPHA CHI NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2010



Undergraduate Scholarships & Fellowships

Alpha Chi will award twenty-four (24) national awards to undergraduate members.

Gaston & Nolle Scholarships: Twelve scholarships for undergraduate study. The two top awards among these will be the Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarships of \$2,500, and the remaining ten (10) will be the Alfred H. Nolle Scholarships of \$1,500 each.

Sledge & Benedict Fellowships: Twelve fellowships for graduate study toward the master's, doctor's, or professional degree. The two top awards among these will be the Robert W. Sledge Fellowships of \$3,500, and the remaining ten (10) will be the H. Y. Benedict Fellowships of \$2,500 each.

Five scholarship alternates and five fellowship alternates will receive \$100 each.

Eligibility

A *fellowship* nominee must be enrolled as an undergraduate and graduate with the baccalaureate degree during the school year in which application is made. The nominee should identify the graduate or professional school(s) to which he/she has applied for study the following fall. To receive the stipend, a nominee chosen as a Sledge or Benedict Fellow must be enrolled* for the following fall semester as a full-time student in graduate or professional study.

A *scholarship* nominee must be planning to be a senior in the fall semester of 2010. To receive the stipend, a nominee chosen as a Gaston or Nolle Scholar must be enrolled* for that fall semester as a full-time student in undergraduate study toward the baccalaureate degree.

Competition Rules

For the awards above, each chapter may submit no more than two nominations (either two Fellowships, two Scholarships, or one of each). Nominations must be submitted through the faculty sponsor of the chapter, and only complete nominations will receive consideration.

Required materials:

- 1) The official nomination form completed, signed by the sponsor, and included with the entry.
- 2) A letter of application from the student outlining his/her plans for study and detailing his/her extracurricular activities—maximum length of two pages, double-spaced.
- 3) An academic paper or other appropriate work in the student's major field. *This is the most important aspect of the application;* it will be judged for clarity, originality, and correctness of form. In the case of a submission that emphasizes nonverbal material, the application must also include the student's written explanation that demonstrates an understanding of the theoretical basis for the project or subject matter.
 - Papers must be submitted as follows: ONE printed copy and ONE copy on CD (labeled with nominee's full name); printed copy must come without covers or binders, grades or comments, printed on one side only.
 - Submission of other media (such as slides, photographs, video, audio CD, etc.) must be in TWO copies. Bulky items that are difficult or expensive to ship (such as paintings, three-dimensional art pieces, and posters) must be photographed instead of sent in the original form. These items will not be returned unless a postage-paid mailer is included.
 - If the paper represents a cooperative project, both nominee and faculty director of the project must specifically delineate the nominee's contribution; if this is not done, the entry will be disqualified.
 - Scientific papers or projects require an abstract.
- 4) One letter of recommendation/evaluation from a faculty member in the field represented by the paper or project; this letter must address the significance of the work. No other letters will be accepted.
- 5) A self-addressed, stamped envelope (so that verification of arrival of materials can be sent to applicant).

Instructions

Contact your chapter sponsor to be considered as one of your chapter's nominees for the competition. The nomination forms are provided to the sponsor for distribution to students as needed. The postmark deadline is February 22, 2010.

Graduate Fellowships

Pryor Graduate Fellowships: Alpha Chi will award up to two Pryor Fellowships, typically one of \$5,000 to a student in a doctoral program who has completed at least two years of graduate or professional study beyond the baccalaureate degree and one of \$3,000 to a student for the first or second year of graduate or professional study beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Eligibility

This competition is for graduate student members (that is, members enrolled in a graduate program at an Alpha Chi institution at the time of application) and Active Alumni members no longer attending an Alpha Chi institution. The stipend is to be used for full-time graduate or professional study and will be paid to the recipient upon official notification of his or her enrollment in such a program for the fall 2010 semester. This fellowship may only be received one time per person.

Competition Rules & Procedures

Each chapter may nominate only one graduate student member; any Active Alumni Program member may apply independently. Nominations must be submitted through the faculty sponsor of the chapter. Only complete applications will receive consideration. The required application materials differ from those required for the undergraduate scholarship programs above. The postmark deadline for the Pryor competition is February 1, 2010.
