

Alpha Phi Sigma

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Presents

**THE 70th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIPS,
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE AND GRANTS**

**To commemorate the 70th Anniversary,
Alpha Phi Sigma will award
70 scholarships, awards, and grants
at the 2012 Annual Conference in New York City.**

**APPLY
NOW**

**Deadline for all Scholarships and Awards is
December 31, 2011**



30 Scholarships @ \$250 each

20 Undergraduate • 10 Graduate

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Basis of Awards

In determining to whom the scholarships shall be given, the Council will look for high scholarship via unofficial transcripts signed by Chapter Advisor, two faculty recommendations, and information on application.

Who is Eligible?

- Enrolled Alpha Phi Sigma members.
- Graduate student members.
- Undergraduate student members.
- Must be an Alpha Phi Sigma member at the time of application.

How to Apply?

- Print application from [70th Anniversary Scholarship Application](#)
- Complete application and have the Chapter Advisor sign it.
- Mail application with original signatures along with:
 - Unofficial transcripts signed by Chapter Advisor.
 - Two strong recommendation letters from faculty members describing how applicant fulfills the goals of Unity, Community Service and Educational Leadership.

Mail to:

Alpha Phi Sigma National Headquarters
Nova Southeastern University
UPP - 3520
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

Application and all supporting documents MUST be submitted at the same time, on or prior to December 31, 2011.

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2012 SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

V.A. Leonard Scholarship

Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship

V.A. Leonard founded Alpha Phi Sigma in 1942. He received his Ph.D. in Criminology and Public Administration. The V.A. Leonard Scholarship was established in 1982 in honor and recognition of Dr. Leonard's leadership and hard work in the field of Criminal Justice.

This Scholarship is based on academic achievement, professional recommendations, and extracurricular activities. The recipients will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and a certificate. Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines (Page 7)
- Submit a paper on "My Conception of Alpha Phi Sigma." Describe your conception of Alpha Phi Sigma and what direction you would like to see the Honor Society take in the future, in approximately 7 pages.
- In addition submit "Why I Deserve this Scholarship?" In approximately 3 pages, state why you feel you deserve the scholarship and how you intend to use the scholarship money.
- Submit a copy of your most recent Transcript signed by your Chapter Advisor.
- Submit 3 letters of Recommendations, preferably from faculty.

Regina B. Shearn Scholarship

Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship

Dr. Regina B. Shearn is the first Executive Director of Alpha Phi Sigma. The Honor Society has grown considerably and continues to grow and thrive under her leadership and tutelage. The Regina B. Shearn Scholarship was established in 2001.

Recipients will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and a certificate. This Scholarship is based on academic performance, leadership and service, personal statement and evaluation reports.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines (Page 7)
- Academic Performance – submit most recent Transcript, signed by your Chapter Advisor.
- Leadership and Service on the campus and in the community - submit a current copy of your Resume with leadership, service, honors/awards listed (on campus and in the community).
- Personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives, approximately 6 pages.
- Evaluation reports from three individuals who are in a position to attest to the student's performance, citizenship, and character.

Best Paper Scholarship

First place will receive a scholarship of \$500 each and second place will receive \$250 each.

All applicants must follow the stipulated guidelines. (Page 7)

- Undergraduate Topic: "A Contemporary Issue in Criminal Justice" (7-10 pages)
- Graduate Topic: Graduate topic will coincide with the ACJS meeting theme: "Sustainable Justice" (7-10 pages)

Criminal Justice Knowledge Scholarship Test

Undergraduate Scholarship \$500.

Graduate Scholarship \$500.

The Criminal Justice Knowledge Scholarship Test
will be administered at the

2012 Annual Conference in New York, NY

Manhattan Ballroom Thursday March 15th at 8AM

AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter Goals Awards

Unity, Leadership & Service

The Goal Awards will be presented to the three chapters who have best shown exemplary efforts under each specific goal. An award of \$250 and a certificate will be presented to each of the three winning Chapters. One application entitles the Chapter for consideration for all three Goal Awards.

- Chapters must submit a letter of intent to the AΦΣ Headquarters, **December 31, 2011**.
- Minutes and Supporting Materials such as, scrapbooks; press clippings; local Chapter's Newsletters; Chapter's appreciation letters must be brought to the Annual Conference for judging.

Advisor of the Year Award

Submit a written recommendation, with a detailed letter stating why the chapter advisor deserves this honor. The local chapter executive board, and at least three fourths of the chapter's active members must support the nomination by signing the recommendation letter. The Advisor of the Year will receive \$100 award and a certificate.

- Letter should include the advisor's rapport with the members, longevity, activities he or she has overseen or participated in, and his/her ability to motivate and lead.
- Advisor may receive award every 5 years.
- Advisor is not eligible to receive the advisor of the year award and advisor grant, in the same year.

All Scholarship Applications,
Award Applications and
Letters of Intent **MUST** be post-
marked no later than:
December 31, 2011

Member of the Year Award

The winner will receive \$500 and a certificate. This award honors the member that best represents excellence in all four Alpha Phi Sigma "**IDEALS**"...*Service, Leadership, Unity, and Academic Excellence*. The chapter advisor may only nominate one student from the chapter. To nominate a student the chapter advisor must submit:

- A letter of recommendation from the chapter advisor stating why the member deserves the award.
- A letter signed by the by all four officers of the local Chapter's E-Board , with at least ¾ of the current local chapter members' signatures, supporting this nomination.
- A copy of the student's most recent transcript.
- A list of the students' service, leadership, and professional activities.
- Student's Resume

Outstanding Yearbook Competition

The Chapter with the most outstanding yearbook will receive an award of \$100 and a certificate. To enter the Yearbook competition, chapters must submit:

- Letter of Intent to the AΦΣ Headquarters, by **December 31, 2011**
- Yearbooks must be brought to the Annual Conference for display & judging. Yearbooks will be judged on originality, creativity, content, and presentation
- Yearbook may include: photographs, newspaper clippings, local chapter newsletters, flyers, appreciation letters, and other items which illustrate the chapter's commitment to the ideals of Alpha Phi Sigma, throughout the year.

Student Achievement Award

A Chapter Advisor will nominate and endorse a student from his/her Chapter that is felt to be of exemplary character and has achieved one of the following:

- 1: Student made an extraordinary contribution to the Chapter OR
- 2: has completed a major undergraduate or graduate research OR
- 3: has demonstrated leadership of a chapter/campus project OR
- 4: has an overall record of achievement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The Chapter Advisor or another faculty member must describe, in detail the student member's achievement. If description is written by another faculty member, it must be approved and signed by the Chapter Advisor.

TIMEFRAME: The "achievement" must be completed by the end of December; the Chapter Advisor must submit the nomination and endorsement of the achievement to the Council by January 31st. Decision will be made before the end of February by the Council and awarded at the Annual Meeting, usually held in March.

ASSESSMENT: The ΑΦΣ Council will assess all the nominees for the Student Achievement Award. The student shall receive a monetary award of \$500.

Be a "STAR" Chapter

A "Star" Chapter must fulfill the following criteria:

- 1: Have at least one student attend the Annual Conference.
- 2: Have the Chapter Advisor or Asst. Advisor attend at least one Advisor Meeting at the Annual Conference.
- 3: Have at least one student apply for an Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarship.
- 4: Sponsor one "Theme of the Year" activity.
- 5: Hold a minimum of one Induction Ceremony.
- 6: File an annual Chapter Financial Report for the year preceding the Annual Conference by January 31st.
- 7: File an annual Chapter Report for the year preceding the Annual Conference by January 31st.

TIMEFRAME: January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Awarded during the 2012 Annual Conference and announced in the Docket and on the Website.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: "Star" Chapter Application [Click Here](#)

ASSESSMENT: The ΑΦΣ Council will assess the Chapters for this Award. There may be more than one winner per year. Chapter (s) will receive a monetary award of \$200 and have their Chapter's name and College/University listed on the "Star" Chapters Honor List on the ΑΦΣ Website, which will be maintained every year.

2012 Alpha Phi Sigma Community Service "Theme" Project Award

This year's Alpha Phi Sigma theme is.....

*Bullying**

Guidelines are as follows: One award of \$50 and a certificate will be presented to the Chapter with the most outstanding Theme project and Report. Each year at the Annual Conference, the National Student Officers will select a "Theme" for the year. Chapters will choose at least one community project to follow that "Theme" throughout the year. *Can be applied to elementary, middle, high school; college; occupational; cyber, etc.

Chapters entering this competition must:

- Submit a letter of intent to the ΑΦΣ Headquarters, by **December 31, 2011**.
- Create a Poster/Scrapbook which depicts the activity (ies) of the "Theme"
- Submit a Report which contains: (1) a letter written by the agency's staff projects coordinator, stating and confirming the activities performed by the chapter and (2) a letter signed by the Chapter Advisor confirming the involvement of all the members who participated, by listing their names
- Poster/Scrapbook and Report must be brought to the Annual Conference for display and judging

DO NOT Send Poster/ Scrapbook/ Report to ΑΦΣ Headquarters

Web Page Competition

An award of \$50 and certificate will be presented to the Chapter with the most outstanding Web Page. There is no need for chapters to apply, as all chapter websites linked to the Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters Website, www.alphaphisigma.org will be eligible.

NOTE: If your chapter website is not linked to Headquarters, email the website address to:

Headquaters@alphaphisigma.org

***chapters check the headquarters website, to assure your current website is linked.**

All Scholarship and Award Applications and Letters of Intent MUST be postmarked no later than: December 31, 2011

GRANTS

Chapter Grants

Budget: \$2000 is budgeted for Alpha Phi Sigma's Chapter Program Grant. All monies in the budget do not need to be distributed each year. Grant may be applied for more than one project. Specify each project in application and the amount of money requested.

Purpose: The purpose of the chapter program grant is to encourage chapters in their scholarly or service projects.

Examples of Chapter scholarly or service projects:

- Install a plaque on campus with names of former and current Alpha Phi Sigma members.
- Fund a tutoring program staffed by members.
- Sponsor a lecture series or honorarium for speakers.
- Sponsor Honors Conference for high school students.
- Sponsor an "Academic Picnic".

Guidelines:

- Chapter must be in good standing with the AΦΣ Headquarters (Annual dues must be up to date)
- Actively admit new members to Headquarters (Minimum of 10 new members a year)
- Submit a description of the scholarly or the service project to be funded
- Chapters' projects will be reviewed and awarded based on a first come first serve policy
- Awards may vary; but the maximum chapter award is \$200
- Application must be submitted at least a semester before the funds are to be used
- After project has been completed, chapter must submit an article on the scholarly/service program, to be printed in the Docket (photos may be included)
- Chapter may receive only one project grant every 3 years
- Chapter may apply for grants any time of the year. Grants will be awarded throughout the year.

Procedures: Application must follow the format below

- University/College Name
- Local Chapter Name
- Address
- Approval Signature of Chapter Advisor
- Grant Amount Requested, not to exceed \$200
- Semester for which the Grant is requested
- Name and Description of the Project (not to exceed 2 pages)

Advisor Grants

Budget: \$2000 is budgeted for Alpha Phi Sigma Advisor's Grants. Eight awards of \$250 each will be given to recognize and encourage advisors; strengthen the chapter network; and promote the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma. These awards require a matching grant from other sources.

Purpose: The purpose of this award program is to recognize and encourage advisors of campus chapters, to strengthen the chapter network, and to promote the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma.

Description: Grants will be awarded for attendance at the Alpha Phi Sigma Annual Conference. Advisors will be eligible once every three years.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a current active member and an advisor of an Alpha Phi Sigma chapter for least one year. (limit one advisor per chapter)
- Commit to at least a 2 year term as advisor after the Annual Conference
- Obtain a matching grant from the unit administrator or other campus source (e.g. provost's office; student affairs; alumni association) or an APS alumni chapter or personal funds. (This grant and its match are not guaranteed to fund all expenses of the Annual Conference).

Procedures:

- File application at least the Summer/Fall semester before the Conference. Applications which meet eligibility criteria will be accepted on a first come, first serve policy and will be announced immediately.
- Applications will be accepted until grant money is depleted.
- Application must follow the format below
 - ♦ Advisor's Name
 - ♦ University/College Name
 - ♦ Local Chapter Name
 - ♦ Address, Telephone number and E-mail Address
 - ♦ Matching Grant Source
 - ♦ Statement: I agree to accept the conditions of the grant as stated above
 - ♦ Signature and Date

GUIDELINES

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

All application material must be sent to Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters and postmarked no later than

December 31, 2011

A panel of impartial ACJS & Alpha Phi Sigma faculty members will judge all entries and the awards will be presented at the Annual Conference. If the judges deem the applicants have not met the standards set forth here, or feel they do not academically meet the level of work expected, no prizes will be awarded.

- Applicants must be Alpha Phi Sigma members at time of submission.
- Applications must include college/university, year initiated into Alpha Phi Sigma, applicants phone and email address.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an academic program within two semesters after receiving the scholarship.
- Applicants will produce proof of enrollment or acceptance into a program.
- Letter must include the Name of the Scholarship for which the member is applying.
- Scholarship monies must be applied to further student's higher education
- Applicants are not eligible to receive the same scholarship two years in succession.

PAPER GUIDELINES

All "papers" submitted for scholarships/awards must follow the format specified below:

- Cover sheet: A cover sheet with title of paper, student's name, address, phone number, college/university presently attending, student status (undergraduate, graduate), college/university and date initiated into Alpha Phi Sigma, chapter name, chapter advisor and chapter address.
- There should be no identification of the student anywhere within the "paper," only on the cover sheet
- Title page (separate from cover sheet) with the title of the paper only
- One page abstract, paper and work cited page
- Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1" margins
- The paper/application must be submitted in Microsoft -WORD on CD ROM or USB, via mail and e-mailed to headquarters@alphaphisigma.org

(unless otherwise specified)
**Submit All Scholarship,
Award & Grant
Applications and
Letters of Intent to**

Alpha Phi Sigma Headquarters

Nova Southeastern University

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