NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU---OUR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS!

Please see the detailed information packet attached to see if you qualify to apply for a $2,700 scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year!

Questions? Call or e-mail:
Patrick Massaro, NTSO Advisor at 315-267-3398
or
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Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship Information

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any student at an institution that has an Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter (Yes, SUNY Potsdam has a chapter named: Omicron Zeta) and who has achieved the following criteria:

- Completed 24 semester hours of graded coursework at SUNY Potsdam (does not include transfer credits.)
- Achieved a grade point average on 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale on all work taken at SUNY Potsdam.
- Is 24 years of age or older.
- In enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at SUNY Potsdam.
- Has a financial need for assistance to complete the degree.

Please note:

- Student does not have to be a member of the local Omicron Zeta of Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter to apply.
- The scholarships are available for students who will be enrolled as an undergraduate during the 2016-2017 academic year. This may include classes on a part-time basis.

NUMBER OF AWARDS TO BE GIVEN:

- Twelve $2,700 scholarships open to students from any chapter institution.

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Personal Statement
- Faculty Recommendation
- Financial Need

DEADLINE:

The completed application packet must be presented to the Chapter Councilor (Patrick Massaro, 128 Sisson Hall) by April 15, 2016. (Do NOT send to the Alpha Sigma Lambda Main office in Illinois.)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please log on to the following website and follow the 2016-2017 Student Application Packet directions:

https://www.alphasigmalambda.org/students/scholarship-information/
TO: Applicants for the Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarships

FROM: Pamela J. Collins, PhD., Executive Director

RE: 2016-2017 Scholarship Application Information

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any student at an institution that has an Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter and who has achieved the following criteria (Student does not have to be a member of the local Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter to apply):

- Completed 24 semester hours (45 quarter hours) of graded coursework at this institution. (Not including transfer credits)
- Achieved a grade point average of \(3.2\) on a \(4.0\) scale on all work taken at this institution
- Is enrolled in an associate’s or a baccalaureate degree program at this institution
- Has a financial need for assistance to complete the degree

NUMBER OF AWARDS:

- Twelve $2700.00 scholarships open to students from any chapter institution.

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Personal statement
- Faculty recommendation
- Financial need

DEADLINE:

The completed application packet must be postmarked by April 30, 2016.

Check with the ASL Chapter Councilor at your institution for the date by which that person must have your completed packet for forwarding to the Home Office.

Only Chapter Councilors may forward application packets to the Home Office after verifying your GPA, completed hours at the institution, and other required information. You may not forward your own packets.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

An application packet must include the following:

1. The scholarship application form (typed or printed in black ink)
2. A current official transcript of your academic work in a sealed envelope or emailed directly from your institution's Record's Office.
3. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the institution where you are currently enrolled. This recommendation may be emailed to our office by using an institutional email account only.
4. A personal statement no longer than two typed pages.
5. A cover sheet completed and signed by the ASL Chapter Councilor at your institution.
   - Use only paper clips, no staples.
   - The faculty recommendation must be on official university letterhead or emailed from an institutional email account.
   - Use only the forms provided in this packet.
   - Missing items or materials submitted in other formats will result in disqualification.

Notifications of awards will be sent once the application process is complete.

Submit a collated copy of the application to the Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter councilor at your institution. Allow sufficient time for review, verification and submission with a postmark no later than the designated date.

2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. **Principles**

   a. Grants will be made to adult students in continuing higher education based on scholarship, leadership, the clarity and content of their personal statement, strength of recommendation, and need.

   b. Funds will be disbursed to the student and made payable to the student and the university/college

   c. Maximum award per individual will be determined each year.

2. **Non-Discrimination Policy**

   No applicant will be denied eligibility for a Scholarship on the basis of race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

3. **Conflict of Interest Policy**

   No relative or member of the household of any ASL Society Director or Member of the Selection Committee will be eligible for a Scholarship Grant.
Name: ____________________________________________________________

(Last), (first) (middle)

Home Phone: (______)_________________ e-mail __________________________

*Student ID Number: __________________________________ Date of Birth: __________________________

Permanent Address: ________________________________________________

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Present Employment: _______________________________________________

Position: ___________________________________________ Part-time _______ Full-time _______

Current (Undergraduate) College/University _______________________________

Total Hours Earned: ________ Type (Semester or Quarter): ____________ Cumulative GPA ______

Part-time ________ Full-time ________ Date of entrance __________________________

Present degree program ____AA, _____AS, _____BA, _____BS

Major/area of concentration: __________________________________________

Expected date of degree completion __________________

Other institutions previously attended and hours earned:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Are you a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda? _______ If yes, what year_________

On a separate sheet of paper, write a personal statement of no more than two pages discussing your academic achievements, career aspirations, personal goals, your perception of your abilities, financial need and other comments relevant to your application. A description of your leadership roles and activities in college or community activities should also be included.

Alpha Sigma Lambda would like permission to announce the names of the recipients to other Alpha Sigma Lambda chapters, in the official newsletter The Midnight Oil, and on the Alpha Sigma Lambda website.

_____ No, please do not release my name. (This will not affect the decision of the review committee in any way.)

_____ Yes, you may release my name.

__________________________________________

Signature
ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Student: Please complete the information requested below and then give this page to a faculty person who has agreed to write a recommendation in support of your application for an Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship. Faculty recommendations are an important part of the selection/review process so consider carefully which individual to ask for a recommendation.

Student Name: ________________________________

Student ID Number: ____________________________

(Optional) I hereby waive whatever rights of access I may have to this confidential recommendation as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student signature: ______________________________ Date: _______________

Faculty: ______________________________________

The student who has given you this form is applying for a scholarship from Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Honor Society for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education. This scholarship selection process is highly competitive since approximately 100 applications will be received and only twelve (12) scholarships can be awarded. Your recommendation and comments about this student are critical to the selection committee.

Please use official university stationary for your letter and include your complete address, title, and telephone number or submit the letter via institutional email. When completed, the recommendation should be given to the student for inclusion in the application packet or a copy of the email submission. You may enclose it in an envelope, if desired.

Your enthusiasm and comments are of paramount importance to the applicant. To help you focus your comments, we have provided a list of some characteristics for your consideration. We do not expect you to address all of these topics, but thought that a list might be of some assistance.

- Personal qualities and challenges
- Overall promise as a student and graduate
- Appraisal of the student’s commitment to completing their degree
- Career potential
- Knowledge of special achievements or circumstances overcome
- Leadership
- Service to community
- Attitude/Commitment
- Personal management skills
- Communication skills
- Scholastic effort
- Financial need

Thank you for taking the time to assist this student in their quest for a scholarship.
ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA
REVIEW GUIDELINES

Application Review Criteria

Scholarship* based on grade point average for hours graded and earned as follows:

- 3.20 – 3.399  1 point
- 3.40 – 3.599  2 points
- 3.60 – 3.799  3 points
- 3.80 – 4.0    4 points

*plus 1 point if you have been inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda
*plus 1 point for 60 semester or 90 quarter hours or more, graded and earned at the current institution

Personal statement (1 to 10 points)

- academic achievements
- career aspirations
- personal observation
- financial need
- leadership activities
- description of activities

Recommendations by faculty (1 to 5 points)

- appraisal of personal qualities/challenges
- appraisal of overall promise as a student and graduate
- appraisal of student’s commitment to completing their degree
- appraisal of overall promise to their chosen profession
- personal observations/comments

The recommendation might include the following observed behaviors by the faculty member:

- Leadership
- Service to Community
- Service to College/University
- Attitude/Commitment
- Personal Management Skills
- Communication Skills
- Scholastic Effort
- Financial Need, Personal Qualities, Challenges

Total points for each applicant compiled from all members of the Selection Committee will be compared. The twelve highest totals will qualify for the scholarships. Decisions by the Selection Committee will be final.