



Alpha Phi Sigma

The Criminal Justice Honor Society

2018-19 Individual Scholarships

Please Read the Guidelines to Each Scholarship Carefully

- ◆ All Scholarships MUST be submitted electronically to headquarters@alphaphisigma.org.
- ◆ Scholarship MUST be submitted in Word or PDF via e-mail. Hardcopies will NOT be accepted.
- ◆ Include a Scholarship Cover Sheet with each scholarship.
- ◆ Place the NAME of the Scholarship in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ All entries will receive a confirmation e-mail upon receipt by Headquarters of application.
- ◆ Scholarships not meeting the guidelines will be disqualified.
- ◆ Headquarters will NOT notify applicant of missing information or incorrect submissions; those submissions will automatically be disqualified.
- ◆ **Every Individual Scholarship applicant MUST be an Alpha Phi Sigma National Member**

DEADLINE
for all Scholarships & Awards is
January 20, 2019

V.A. Leonard Scholarship

One undergraduate & one graduate scholarship may be awarded

V.A. Leonard founded Alpha Phi Sigma in 1942. 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 receive a scholarship of \$1,500 and a certificate.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated scholarship guidelines.
- Submit a paper on "*My Perception of Alpha Phi Sigma.*" Describe your perception of Alpha Phi Sigma and what direction you would like to see the Honor Society take in the future, in approximately 5-7 pages.
- In an additional 2 pages, state "*Why I Deserve this Scholarship.*" Why 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

One undergraduate & one graduate scholarship may be awarded

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. This Scholarship is based on academic performance, leadership, service, personal statement, and evaluation reports. Recipients will receive a scholarship of \$1,500 and a certificate.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated scholarship guidelines.
- 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, and honors/awards listed (on campus and in the community).
- Personal statement of educational perspective, purpose, and objectives, approximately 5-7 pages.
- Evaluation reports from three individuals who are in a position to attest to your performance, citizenship, and character.

Guidelines

A panel of impartial 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 the applicant does not academically meet the level of work expected, no prize will be awarded.

- A completed Scholarship Cover sheet form must be attached to **each scholarship** submission. (Scholarship cover sheet is available on-line)
- Electronic submissions only. Email to headquarters@alphaphisigma.org. Write name of scholarship in subject line.
- Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1 inch margins.
- Applicants must be National Alpha Phi Sigma members at the time of submission. Associate Chapter members **do not** qualify for scholarships.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a degree program at the time of award.
- Applicants may need to produce current proof of enrollment in a program the semester the scholarship is awarded.
- Scholarship monies must be applied to student's higher education expenses.
- **Applicants are not eligible to receive the same scholarship two years in succession.**

Best Paper Scholarships

Undergraduate Best Paper Scholarship

First place \$500—Second place \$250—Third place \$150

All applicants must follow the Best Paper Scholarship stipulated guidelines below.

- Undergraduate Paper Topic: *A Contemporary Issue in Criminal Justice*.
- Maximum of 15 pages.

Graduate Best Paper Scholarship

First place \$500—Second place \$250—Third place \$150

All applicants must follow the Best Paper Scholarship stipulated guidelines below.

- Graduate Topic: The Graduate topic will be the Alpha Phi Sigma Theme of the Year, *Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System*.
- Maximum of 20 pages.

Doctoral Student Members

Doctoral student members may submit a Best Paper Scholarship. The topic is the same as the Graduate Topic. Papers submitted by Doctoral student members will be judged separately from Masters student papers. Doctoral paper submissions must follow the same guidelines.

Guidelines

All papers submitted for Best Paper competition must follow the format specified below:

- A cover sheet with student name, title of paper, university, and chapter name should be included with the paper.
- NO additional identification of the student should be anywhere within the “paper,” only on the cover sheet.
- Title page (separate from cover sheet) with the title of the paper only.
- A one-page abstract must be included.
 - * Graduate paper abstract must not exceed 150 words.
 - * Undergraduate paper abstract must not exceed 100 words.
- Academic references/citations/bibliography pages must be included.
- Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1 inch margins.
- The paper and cover sheet must be submitted as a WORD document or in PDF format only.
- Paper/hardcopies will NOT be accepted.
- Submit a Scholarship Cover Sheet with the Paper.
- Paper and Scholarship Cover Sheet must be e-mail to headquarters@alphaphisigma.org. Write the name of the scholarship in the e-mail subject line.
- A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt.

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