



# Alpha Phi Sigma

The Criminal Justice Honor Society

## 2020-21 Individual Scholarships

### Guidelines for Entry

Please Read the Guidelines to Each Scholarship Carefully

- ◆ All Scholarships MUST be submitted electronically to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org). Place the NAME of the Scholarship in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ Scholarship MUST be submitted in PDF via e-mail. Hardcopies will NOT be accepted.
- ◆ A completed Scholarship Cover sheet form must be attached to **each scholarship** submission. Scholarship cover sheet is available on our website.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1 inch margins.
- ◆ All entries will receive a confirmation e-mail from HQ upon receipt. If no confirmation email is received by applicant, please contact HQ immediately. Late entries due to HQ not receiving the scholarship prior to the deadline shall not be accepted.
- ◆ Scholarships not meeting the guidelines will be disqualified.
- ◆ Awards will be presented at the annual conference.
- ◆ Applicants are not eligible to receive the same scholarship two years in succession.
- ◆ A panel of impartial Alpha Phi Sigma faculty (Alumni members for the Nay-Latocki Military Veteran Scholarship) will judge all entries.
- ◆ Should the judges deem the applicant has not met the standards set forth in the guidelines, or if the applicant does not academically meet the level of work expected, no scholarship prize will be awarded.
- ◆ Headquarters will NOT notify applicant of missing information or incorrect submissions; those submissions will automatically be disqualified.

**Every Scholarship applicant MUST be an Alpha Phi Sigma Member at time of submission. Associate chapter members do not qualify for scholarships.**

## DEADLINE

**for all Scholarships & Awards is March 1, 2021**

## V.A. Leonard Scholarship

One undergraduate \$2,000 scholarship & one Graduate \$2,000 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 \$2,000 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 \$2,000 scholarship & one Graduate \$2,000 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 \$2,000 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.

## Nay-Latocki Military Veteran Scholarship

Supported by the Alpha Phi Sigma National Capital Alumni Circle

One Undergraduate or Graduate \$1,000 scholarship may be awarded

A significant number of military veterans continue their service in a career in the Criminal Justice field. This scholarship is intended to assist the Veteran in the transition from military service to a career in public service. This Scholarship is based on academic performance, leadership, service, honorable/general military service, and an essay on citizenship. Recipients will receive a scholarship of \$1,000, a certificate, and an Alpha Phi Sigma coin.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated scholarship guidelines.
- Must currently be on Active Duty, in the Military Reserves, or a Veteran documented by a set of current orders or a DD-214, Report of Separation from Active Duty (Must be an Honorable or General Discharge).
- 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).
- Submit an original essay, of 500 to 700 words? The topic is - *"How military service has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America"*.

# Best Paper Scholarships

## Undergraduate and Graduate Best Paper Scholarship

First place \$1,000 - Second place \$500

### PAPER GUIDELINES:

Each paper must contain the following:

- Introduction & Identification of a problem in criminal justice/juvenile justice.
- A review of the academic literature on this problem and the responses to it.
- Based on the review of literature, concrete recommendations to resolve the problem identified in (1) above
- Academic References (properly cited in any recognized format, such as APA, MLA, etc...)
- 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.
- Undergraduate paper: Maximum of 15 pages.
- **Graduate paper:**  
**An original paper written regarding Alpha Phi Sigma’s theme of the year “Cyber Crime”**
- Graduate paper: Maximum of 20 pages.
- Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1 inch margins.
- A one-page abstract must be included.
  - ⇒ Graduate paper abstract must not exceed 150 words.
  - ⇒ Undergraduate paper abstract must not exceed 100 words.

### SUBMISSION:

- The paper and cover sheet must be submitted in **PDF format only**.
- Paper/hardcopies will NOT be accepted.
- Submit a Scholarship Cover Sheet with the entry.
- Paper and Scholarship Cover Sheet must be e-mail to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org). Write the name of the scholarship in the e-mail subject line.
- A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation upon submission, contact HQ immediately. Late entries due to HQ not receiving email will not be accepted.

Go to our website [www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org) for resources about excellence in writing and rubric with writing expectations.

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## Student Member of the Year Award

\$750 and a certificate

This award honors the member who best represents excellence in all four Alpha Phi Sigma Ideals, *Service, Leadership, Unity, and Academic Excellence*. Chapter advisor may only nominate one student per chapter.

### Guideline:

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 supporting the nomination signed by the local chapter board and at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the current local chapter members.
- ◆ A copy of the student's most recent transcript signed by the chapter advisor.
- ◆ A list of all the student's service, leadership, and professional activities.
- ◆ The student's resume.

### Submission Guidelines:

- ◆ Submit all materials only via e-mail to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org) on or before **March 1, 2021**.
- ◆ Please scan and email documents. No hardcopies.
- ◆ Please type **Member of the Year** in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation upon submission, contact HQ immediately.

## Student Member Achievement Award

\$250 and a Certificate

Up to 5 achievement awards may be awarded per year. Only one student members from each chapter is eligible to apply.

### Application Procedure:

A chapter advisor will nominate and endorse a student from the chapter who is of exemplary character and has achieved at least one of the following:

- ◆ The student made an extraordinary contribution to the chapter.
- ◆ Has completed a major undergraduate or graduate research.
- ◆ Has demonstrated leadership of a chapter/campus project.
- ◆ Has an overall record of achievement.

The chapter advisor must describe in detail the student member's achievement. If a letter submitted is written by an-other faculty member, the letter must also be signed by the chapter advisor.

The "achievement" must be completed by the end of December 2020, and the chapter advisor must submit the nomi-nation and endorsement of the achievement to Headquarters by the deadline of **March 1, 2021**.

### Submission:

- ◆ Submit Scholarship Cover sheet and materials via e-mail ONLY to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org). No hardcopies.
- ◆ Please type **MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation upon submission, contact HQ immediately.