



# Alpha Phi Sigma

The Criminal Justice Honor Society

## 2019 Individual Scholarships

### Please Read the Guidelines to Each Scholarship Carefully

- ◆ All Scholarships MUST be submitted electronically to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org).
- ◆ Scholarship MUST be submitted in 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 12, 2020**

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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. Applicant **MUST** be an Alpha Phi Sigma national member
- 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 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 “Family Violence”**
- 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 as a PDF format or WORD document 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](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org). Write the name of the scholarship in the e-mail subject line.
- A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt.

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 all officers of the chapter's board with at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the current local chapter members' signatures.
- ◆ 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 via e-mail only to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org) on or before **January 12, 2020**.
- ◆ Please scan and email documents. No hardcopies.
- ◆ Please put **Member of the Year** in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt.

## **Student Member Achievement Award**

### **\$250 and a Certificate**

Up to 5 achievement awards may be awarded per year. No more than one student per chapter, per year.

#### **Application Procedure:**

A chapter advisor will nominate and endorse a student from his/her chapter who is felt to be 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 letter is written by another faculty member, it must be approved and signed by the chapter advisor.

The "achievement" must be completed by the end of December 2018, and the chapter advisor must submit the nomination and endorsement of the achievement to Headquarters by the deadline of **January 12, 2020**.

#### **Submission:**

- ◆ Submit Scholarship Cover sheet and materials via e-mail ONLY to [headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:headquarters@alphaphisigma.org). No hardcopies.
- ◆ Please put **MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION** in the e-mail subject line.
- ◆ A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt.