



Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation

2010-2011 Scholarship Application Packet

The Foundation's Mission:

To invest in the potential of women by promoting service, leadership and lifelong learning through charitable giving.

The Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation believes that learning should last a lifetime, and our commitment to that belief is carried out through both graduate and undergraduate scholarships. The Board of Trustees is pleased to again announce the availability of **academic scholarships** for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Sorority members, enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program next school year, are eligible. Two of these scholarships, the Special Education Scholarship and the Marjorie Anderson Thomson Scholarship, are also available to non-members.

Scholarship applications are made available at www.alphasigmaalpha.org. Complete the application – making sure to refer to the application directions – and return it to the Foundation office in Indianapolis by the **March 2nd** deadline. Scholarship recipients are announced in the summer months; funds are sent directly to institutions.

Applications received or postmarked by the deadline are read and evaluated by the scholarship and awards committee, which makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board will then authorize the scholarship awards; their decision is final.

It is the Board of Trustees intent that the scholarships reward merit, as demonstrated by: 1) academic excellence, and 2) leadership, volunteerism, meaningful participation in Alpha Sigma Alpha and/or other activities.

(Financial need is not considered when determining merit.)

Scholarship Categories Include:

The FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS were established to commemorate the Sorority's centennial in the year 2001. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding undergraduate members who exemplify the vision, academic pursuits and leadership skills of the Founders. Five scholarships are available.

- Hilda Anna Giraud Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarship
- Suzanne L. Hebert Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarship
- S. June Smith Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarship
- Past Presidents Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarship
- Alpha Beta Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarship

WILMA WILSON SHARP SCHOLARSHIP is for undergraduate work in any field. This scholarship was initiated by the greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter in 1968 and established in 1970 in honor of Mrs. Sharp, President Emerita of Alpha Sigma Alpha. One scholarship is available.

MARY TURNER GALLAGHER SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha for undergraduate work in any field. Mrs. Gallagher, first initiate and former advisor of Chi Chi Chapter, established it in 1967. One scholarship is available.

The NATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC SCHOLARSHIP is for graduate or undergraduate work in any field. It was established in 1967 in honor of the national organization. This enables the national organization to help our members pursue their chosen profession. Two scholarships are available.

AMY M. SWISHER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha for graduate or undergraduate work in any field. Miss Swisher, Professor of Art Education Emerita, Miami University of Ohio, and beloved member and advisor of Alpha Alpha Chapter for many years. One scholarship is available.

Martha Dimond, Alpha Alpha, established MARTHA GREEN DIMOND SCHOLARSHIP in 1977 for graduate work in any field to be awarded to an Alpha Sigma Alpha member. One scholarship is available.

The SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a member **and** a non-member pursuing graduate or undergraduate work in the field of Special Education. Two scholarships are available.

GRACE FULTZ HAWORTH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP was established in 1981 by a bequest of Grace Fultz Haworth, Delta Delta Chapter, who served Alpha Sigma Alpha as National Treasurer from 1922-1934. This scholarship will be awarded annually to an Alpha Sigma Alpha member who possesses a background in music. One scholarship is available.

W. Lawson Blackstone began MARY EMERSON BLACKSTONE SCHOLARSHIP fund in 1984. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an Alpha Sigma Alpha who demonstrates outstanding teaching of pre-school age children and who possesses, although not limited to, a musical background. Mary Emerson Blackstone, Alpha Gamma Chapter, was National President from 1961-1964. One scholarship is available.

Marjorie Thomson, Tau Tau Chapter, established MARJORIE ANDERSON THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP fund in the year 2000. Non-members may submit applications, however, preference will be given to members of Alpha Sigma Alpha. All applicants must have a moderate to severe hearing loss defined as a pure tone average between 55 dB and 75 dB. One scholarship is available.

Lois Beers, Beta Gamma Chapter, established LOIS V. BEERS SCHOLARSHIP in 2001 to honor her sister, Mary Beers Wiggins, Beta Gamma. This scholarship will be awarded to an Alpha Sigma Alpha member who is studying, although not limited to, business. One scholarship is available.

The DR. ANN ROWLETTE SCHOLARSHIP was established in 2006, and will be awarded to an undergraduate member of Phi Phi Chapter with a 3.0/4.0 cumulative grade point average. Selection will be based on merit, as demonstrated by 1) academic excellence, and 2) leadership, volunteerism and meaningful participation in Alpha Sigma Alpha and/or other activities. One scholarship is available.

Kathleen Messina, Gamma Delta Chapter, established DR. ROSALIE MESSINA SIMARI SCHOLARSHIP in 2002 to honor her sister, Rosalie Simari, Gamma Delta Chapter. This graduate scholarship will be awarded to an Alpha Sigma Alpha member who is studying education. If no qualified graduate student applies, the scholarship will be made available to an undergraduate student studying education. One scholarship is available.

The PATTI BALWANZ SCHOLARSHIP was established in 2007 with contributions from family and friends of Patti Balwanz. This scholarship is in memory of Patti who succumbed to breast cancer at the age of 29. The recipient(s) must be an undergraduate member(s) of the Beta Sigma Chapter. Selection will be based on merit, as demonstrated by 1) academic excellence, and 2) leadership, volunteerism and meaningful participation in Alpha Sigma Alpha and/or other activities. One scholarship is available.

The GERRY COX LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP was established in 2008 with contributions from alumnae and friends of the Nu Nu chapter. Recipient(s) must be an undergraduate member(s) of an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter located in district 2 or district 4. Scholarships may be awarded to students in any district under the condition that no qualified applicant from district 2 or district 4 applies for the scholarship in any given year. This scholarship will be awarded to members with exceptional leadership experience and at least a 3.3/4.0 cumulative college/university grade point average.

The BETA GAMMA SCHOLARSHIP was established with contributions from the alumnae and friends of the Beta Gamma Chapter and the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. This scholarship will be awarded to a collegiate member of Beta Gamma Chapter who demonstrates high academic performance and lifetime commitment to Alpha Sigma Alpha. One scholarship is available.

The BETA SIGMA SCHOLARSHIPS were established at the Chapter's 40th anniversary celebration in April 1987, in honor of three Beta Sigma's who served as chapter treasurer and Alpha Sigma Alpha national treasurer: Rose Marie Fellin, 1964-67; Juanita Roberts Rowe, 1967-1970, 1974-75; and Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, 1975-80, 1982-84. One scholarship will be awarded to the Beta Sigma treasurer and one scholarship will be awarded to the Beta Sigma president.

The ZETA ZETA SCHOLARSHIP was established with contributions from the alumnae and friends of the Zeta Zeta Chapter. This scholarship will be awarded to a collegiate member of Zeta Zeta Chapter who demonstrates high academic performance and lifetime commitment to Alpha Sigma Alpha. One scholarship is available.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS March 2, 2010 by postmark.

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GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

1. Mail one original, complete with transcripts and letters of recommendation to Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, 9002 Vincennes Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46268. Your scholarship application **must** be postmarked on or before **March 2, 2010** in order to receive consideration.
2. The application must be typed. Penciled applications are unacceptable.
3. The application **must** be completed in full. Incomplete applications including those with missing recommendations or transcripts will not be considered.
4. Do not use out-dated forms.
5. Any recipient of two previous Foundation academic scholarships (undergraduate and graduate) is no longer eligible to receive a scholarship from the Foundation.
6. Keep a copy of your complete application package. When you mail it to the Foundation, request a "confirmation" from the Post Office, which will serve as your notification that the Foundation received your paperwork. Or you may include a stamped, self-addressed postcard which will be mailed to you when your application is received. No other type of notification will be sent.