



ALPHA SIGMA FOUNDATION

Summer Enrichment Scholarship

I. **Purpose**

The purpose of the Summer Enrichment Scholarship (the “Scholarship”) is for the Alpha Sigma Foundation (the “Foundation”) to provide financial assistance to selected undergraduate members of Alpha Sigma of Chi Psi (the “Alpha”) as they devote their summers to experiences that will enrich the undergraduate members as scholars and servants to the greater good.

An experience that qualifies for a Scholarship award (the “Experience”) may include an internship or staff position with a governmental or non-profit organization, travel within the United States or abroad, or other experience that has significant educational value or benefits the greater good.

II. **Selection Committee**

Recipients of the Scholarship (the “Recipients”) will be chosen by a Selection Committee (the “Committee”), which is established as a committee of the Foundation, pursuant to Article III, Section C of the Foundation Bylaws. The Committee will be comprised of three alumni members of the Alpha, at least one of which must be a Trustee of the Foundation. If available, one undergraduate representative (the “Representative”) will assist the Committee with its selections.

Committee members will be approved by the Foundation and will serve terms of approximately one year, with new terms beginning following the completion of Reports by the prior summer’s Recipients (see section IX of this document). Committee member terms may be renewed at the discretion of the Foundation.

The current #1 of the Alpha shall serve as the undergraduate Representative to the Committee. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the #1, at his discretion and with the consent of the undergraduate brotherhood and with the approval of the Foundation, may designate another undergraduate member to serve as the Representative in his stead. The term of the Representative will end with the conclusion of the term of the #1 who appointed him.

III. **Scholarship Eligibility**

Scholarship Recipients must be active undergraduate members of the Alpha. The undergraduate Representative to the Committee is not eligible to be a Scholarship Recipient. An undergraduate member who is a senior (i.e., in his final academic year at the University) is eligible to be a Recipient, however, the Committee reserves the right to give preference to underclassmen. An individual who is participating in the Alpha’s pledging process may submit a Scholarship application, however, any Scholarship awarded to him will be contingent on his successful completion of the pledging process and his attainment of active member status.

IV. **Financial Commitment by the Foundation**

At the beginning of each spring semester, the Foundation will determine its initial financial commitment to the Scholarships for the upcoming summer (the “Initial Commitment”), considering its expected financial resources and obligations. The amount of the Initial Commitment will be communicated to the undergraduate members during the application process.



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Following the completion of the application process and the selection of Recipients by the Committee, the Foundation will determine the amount of its final financial commitment to the Scholarships for the upcoming summer (the “Final Commitment”). The Foundation may elect to set the amount of the Final Commitment higher than the Initial Commitment, based on recommendations by the Committee and further evaluation of its financial resources and obligations. The amount of the Final Commitment may also be lower than the Initial Commitment, for example, if the Committee decides to allocate a lower amount of Scholarships due to fewer qualified applications than initially expected.

V. Application Process

Undergraduate members interested in applying for a Scholarship must submit their applications to the Committee by the deadline specified by the Committee. If possible, this deadline shall be approximately the first day of March.

Applications must include (a) a general description of the summer experience the applicant will be undertaking, including its location and duration, (b) a statement written by the applicant explaining the educational value of the experience, (c) a description of the expected expenses associated with the experience, (d) disclosure of all financial assistance or compensation that is expected to be received by the applicant for his participation in the summer experience, (e) a summary of the applicant’s contributions to the Alpha, and (f) a signed statement by the applicant indicating that, if he is awarded a Scholarship, that the funds will be used only for educational or charitable purposes. The Committee will provide an application form containing the items above to the undergraduate members interested in applying for a Scholarship.

VI. Notice to the Undergraduates

It is of paramount importance that all undergraduate members are made aware of the Scholarship opportunity, and that they have adequate time to prepare and submit an application to be considered by the Committee.

The Committee will serve notice to the undergraduate members of the start of the application process as early as possible in the spring semester. Notices must include a description of the Scholarship, the amount of the Initial Commitment by the Foundation, the requirements for submitting an application, instructions for obtaining an application form, and the deadline for applications.

VII. Selection Process

The Committee, at its sole discretion, shall select the Recipients of Scholarships from the group of applicants. The Committee shall also determine the dollar amount of the Scholarship to be awarded to each selected Recipient. The selection of Recipients and the dollar amounts of each Scholarship shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the three Committee members.

In selecting the Recipients and determining the dollar amounts of each Scholarship, the Committee shall consider factors including, but not limited to: (a) the overall quality of the application, (b) the educational value of the experience being undertaken by the applicant, (c) the civic, charitable, or public service nature of the experience, (d) the duration of the experience, (e) the financial



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assistance required by the applicant in order to participate in the experience, and (f) the applicant's individual contributions to the Alpha. The Committee reserves the right to conduct interviews with the applicants in order to facilitate its decisions.

Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision approximately thirty (30) days following the application deadline. The Foundation will disburse Scholarship funds to the Recipients as soon as possible after the Committee's decisions have been publicized.

VIII. **Confidentiality**

All discussions regarding the Scholarship selection process conducted by the Selection Committee, the undergraduate Representative, and any members of the Foundation shall be kept strictly confidential.

IX. **Reporting**

During the summer, when his Experience is approximately half complete, each Recipient shall send a brief statement to the Committee (e.g., via electronic mail) summarizing the progress of the Experience to date, what he has learned, what challenges he has encountered, what he hopes to accomplish in the second half of the Experience, and any other relevant information the Recipient wishes to include.

Following completion of his summer Experience, each Recipient will submit a written report to the Committee and to the Foundation describing the educational value of their summer experiences (the "Report"). Each Report should also include a brief summary of expenses incurred during the summer related to the Experience. These Reports will become the property of the Foundation, which may use them to aid in the selection of future Recipients, to determine the appropriate amount of future Scholarships, and to promote the educational and charitable achievements of the undergraduate members of the Alpha.

Each Recipient must also give a verbal presentation on his summer Experience to the undergraduate members at a meeting of the undergraduate members (an Alpha meeting, a dinner, Alumni Weekend, etc.) during the following fall semester. This presentation will serve to educate the undergraduate members on the value of the Recipient's Experience, as well as to increase awareness of the Foundation and the Summer Enrichment Scholarship. If possible, at least one Committee member should be in attendance at the meetings when these presentations are made. Alumni members should also be encouraged to attend this meeting.