

SCHOLARSHIP AND MERIT AWARDS

The central purpose of education is learning, and the apex of learning is scholarship. Each chapter should recognize that learning is a holistic experience – one not limited to just books, exams, and grades – and develop a standard for determining scholarship awards which take into account the most noteworthy learning achievements within all of the following areas of college life: academic accomplishment, campus and chapter leadership, and community involvement. What students learn in the classroom is enhanced, extended, and exemplified by active experience.

AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

The selection committee should be made up of university administrators and professors and/or alumni from the chapter. This will ensure that recipients are chosen by an impartial selection committee. Applicants should be informed of when their application was received by the selection committee, as well as when they will receive information regarding the status of their application.

Each chapter should strive to offer at least one scholarship to chapter members, though many offer more. Scholarships can be restricted to number of years in the chapter, number of years in college, chapter leadership positions, or personal contribution to the chapter.

Alumni are excellent resources to assist chapters in funding chapter scholarships. Each chapter is able to establish a scholarship fund with the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Staff members are available to assist chapters with this process. By processing scholarships through the Educational Foundation, the donations are tax deductible and eligible for matching gifts from the donator's place of employment.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

Chapters should hold a "Scholarship Awards Reception" each semester where dinner or dessert is served and awards are given out. This reception should be planned by the Vice President of Membership Enrichment and his committee (if applicable). All members should be invited along with key University officials and others such as:

- Grand Chapter Advisor
- Faculty Advisor
- Fraternity/Sorority Advisor
- Dean of Students
- Alumni
- Faculty
- Parents
- Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs & Student Affairs

Awards given at the Scholarship Banquet can include:

- 4.00 GPA for semester
- Dean's List Members
- Highest GPA in Chapter
- Most Improved GPA in Chapter
- Highest Big Brother/Little Brother GPA
- Highest New Member GPA
- Class with the Highest GPA

