



ALUMNI EPSILON SCHOLARSHIP in honor of Henry Regnery (up to \$2,500 each)

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Alumni Epsilon Scholarship, given in honor of Henry Regnery, is intended to assist Alumni Epsilon chapter members in furthering their education in programs of study that are consistent with the mission of Sigma Tau Delta. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must have been out of school for at least one year at the time the scholarship goes into effect.

This scholarship requires applicants to submit, in addition to the application information, an original critical essay on the common reader for the Sigma Tau Delta 2010 Convention, Chris Abani's *Song for Night*. This essay should follow all guidelines issued in the 2010 Convention Call for Papers so that the essay is suitable for submission to the convention. (Convention submission is optional and will not impact judging of the scholarship application.)

Before receiving this stipend, applicants are required to provide proof of registration as full-time students in the programs described in their applications. Should winners not be able to provide such verification at the beginning of the fall semester following their application process, their awards will be presented to runners-up. Awards are usually determined by March 31 and typically are announced at the annual convention. Recipients may hold no other Sigma Tau Delta scholarship concurrently.

Applicants must send the completed application packet (original and six copies), **postmarked by midnight, November 6, 2009**, to Dr. Shannin Schroeder, Scholarship Committee Chair, Sigma Tau Delta, Southern Arkansas University, 100 E. University, Magnolia, AR 71754-9257.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Materials will not be returned. Handwritten, late, incomplete, or faxed applications will not be considered.

1. Type information requested on page 2 (APPLICANT INFORMATION I-V).
2. Sign Applicant's Declaration below.
3. Obtain your letters of recommendation (VI).
4. Write your sample paper.
5. Obtain transcript(s) as requested (VIII). Include with this application.
6. Make 6 **collated and stapled** copies of these materials including this cover sheet (excluding transcript).
7. Include diskette or CD containing information requested in APPLICANT INFORMATION I-VI.
8. Send entire packet (original and six copies) to the address above.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information in this application is true and that I am a member of the Alumni Epsilon chapter. If selected to receive an Alumni Epsilon Scholarship, I agree to use it for the purpose and at the time stipulated in my application. I will inform the Sigma Tau Delta Central Office at sigmatd@niu.edu if my educational plans change, making my application ineligible. I further agree that my application package becomes the property of Sigma Tau Delta and may be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Format: Times New Roman 12 pt. or Courier 10 cpi font. Single-spaced. Margins 1-1.25.

Label and provide information in the order listed.

I. Personal Information

1. Full name
2. Permanent address and telephone number
3. E-mail address

II. Academic Information

1. Employment history
2. Colleges or universities you have attended (with dates), starting with the most recent
3. Name of the Sigma Tau Delta chapter you were inducted into and year of induction
4. Date you joined the Alumni Epsilon chapter
5. Major field(s) of study / minor(s)
6. Graduation date, actual or projected
7. Identify what degree(s) you are seeking and any degree(s) you may already have
8. List (vertically) by title all English courses (undergraduate and graduate) you have taken, indicating the grade you received in each
9. Note your GPA in English courses (to two decimal places, e.g., 3.745 becomes 3.75)
10. Note your cumulative GPA (to two decimal places)

III. Sigma Tau Delta Service

Describe in detail your participation in Sigma Tau Delta at the local, regional, and/or national level.

IV. Other Awards and Activities

1. List any awards, scholarships, or honors you have received. Explain briefly where necessary and give dollar amounts of scholarships and cash awards.
2. List and briefly describe other significant campus, community, or professional activities.

V. Professional Goals and Program of Study

Briefly (1-2 short paragraphs) state your professional/vocational goals, immediate and long-term. Explain the nature and relevance of your proposed program of study to your academic and professional goals and the purposes of Sigma Tau Delta (fostering

the discipline of English, including literature, language, writing, and literacy).

VI. Letters of Recommendation

Secure two brief (one page or less each), unsealed letters of recommendation written on letterhead (originals, not photocopies). These letters need to address your professional and/or academic experiences as they reflect your potential for success in your program of study. Provide photocopies of these and include the original.

VII. Sample Paper

Prepare an original critical essay on the 2010 common reader, Chris Abani's *Song for Night*. The essay should follow the guidelines listed in the Call for Papers for the Sigma Tau Delta 2010 Convention, which will be posted on the Sigma Tau Delta website at www.english.org.

VIII. Transcripts

Include **one** copy (official or unofficial) of **each** transcript from colleges/universities you have attended. Your most recent transcript should show an official overall undergraduate (and an official graduate, if applicable) GPA. If your current transcript includes a course-by-course record of coursework taken at other institutions, you do not need separate transcripts from those institutions.

We need only **one** copy of your transcript with each scholarship application. If you are applying for more than one scholarship and are providing an original transcript, you may include the original transcript in one scholarship packet and a photocopy of the transcript with the other scholarship packets. Do include with each photocopy a note stating the scholarship packet that contains the original. NOTE: Scholarship recipients will need to submit official transcripts, if they have not already.