



JUNIOR/SENIOR/GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS (up to \$3,000 each)

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Sigma Tau Delta offers the following scholarships for undergraduates and graduate students: the Junior Scholarships, in honor of E. Nelson James, long-time Sigma Tau Delta Executive Secretary; the Senior Scholarships, in honor of Elva Bell McLin, past Southern Regent and society Historian; and the Graduate Scholarships, in honor of Edwin L. Stockton, Jr., past-president who served for 18 years.

Applicants apply for these scholarships based on their level of college: juniors apply during their junior year, seniors apply during their senior year, and graduate students apply after beginning their graduate work. Applications should demonstrate both academic scholarship and campus, community, or chapter service; they should also explain the relevance of their intended program of study to fostering the discipline of English, including literature, language, writing, and literacy. 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. Applicants for the Senior Scholarship should plan to be enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate English-related program the fall semester after the scholarship is awarded. Awards are usually determined by March 31 and typically are announced at the Sigma Tau Delta annual convention.

Each chapter may nominate three junior, senior and graduate members for each of these three scholarships. 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-IV).
2. Sign Applicant's Declaration below.
3. Obtain your letters of recommendation (VI).
4. Write your Application Essay (V).
5. Obtain transcript(s) as requested (VII). Include with this application.
6. Present packet to your chapter for nomination.
7. Have your chapter sponsor sign the Nomination Statement below.
8. Make **6 collated and stapled** copies of these materials including this cover sheet (excluding transcript).
9. Include diskette or CD containing information requested on page 2 APPLICANT INFORMATION, I-V.
10. Send entire packet (original and six copies) to the address above.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I am applying for the Sigma Tau Delta _____ (Junior, Senior or Graduate) Scholarship. I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to use it for the purpose and at the time stipulated in my application. I further agree that the application package becomes the property of Sigma Tau Delta and may be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

NOMINATION STATEMENT

Sigma Tau Delta chapter _____ hereby nominates _____ for the _____ (Junior, Senior or Graduate Scholarship). I certify that the nominee is a member in good standing and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information and documents herein are accurate and provided in good faith. *I believe this application packet is complete.*

Chapter Sponsor's Signature

E-mail Address

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
4. Your college mailing address and telephone number (if different from above)

II. Academic Information

1. Colleges or universities you have attended (with dates), starting with the most recent
2. Name of the Sigma Tau Delta chapter you were inducted into and year of induction
3. Name of faculty sponsor at your present chapter
4. E-mail address of your faculty sponsor
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 current cumulative GPA (to two decimal places)

III. 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. Describe in detail your participation in your Sigma Tau Delta chapter.
3. List and briefly describe other significant campus or community activities.

IV. 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).

V. Application Essay

On a separate sheet write a 200-400 word personal essay (double spaced) on some aspect of the 2010 convention theme, “**Storytellers.**” You may propose and support any thesis appropriate to this subject, but essays longer than 400 words will not be read.

VI. Letters of Recommendation

Secure two brief (one page or less each), unsealed letters of recommendation written on letterhead, at least one of which must be by a college English Department faculty member. Provide photocopies of these and include the original.

VII. 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. **Graduate scholarship applicants** must provide transcript documentation of acceptance into graduate school.

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.