



Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship (up to \$4,000)

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship recognizes academic excellence and outstanding service to Sigma Tau Delta at the local, regional, and/or national level. Applications should demonstrate both academic scholarship and campus, community, and 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. This scholarship requires applicants to submit, in addition to the application information and scholarship essay, a paper originally submitted as coursework, with endorsement from the professor for whom the paper was written.

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 Sigma Tau Delta annual convention. Recipients may hold no other Sigma Tau Delta scholarship concurrently.

Each chapter may nominate three student members for the Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship. Applicants must send the completed application packet (original and six copies), **postmarked by midnight, November 6, 2009**, to Dr. Shannin Schroeder, Scholarship Committee Chair, 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 (VII).
4. Write your Application Essay (VI).
5. Prepare your Sample Paper and get faculty endorsement (VIII).
6. Obtain transcript(s) as requested (IX). Include with this application.
7. Present packet to your chapter for nomination.
8. Have your chapter sponsor sign the Nomination Statement below.
9. Make six **collated and stapled** copies of these materials including this cover sheet (excluding transcript).
10. Include diskette or CD containing information requested on page 2 APPLICANT INFORMATION, I–VI.
11. Send entire packet (original and six copies) to the address above.

APPLICANT’S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true. If I am awarded a Sigma Tau Delta 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 Sigma Tau Delta 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 mailing address and telephone number at your college (if different from above)

II. Academic Information

1. Colleges or universities you have attended (with dates), beginning 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. 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 or community 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. Application Essay

On a separate sheet write a 200-400 word personal essay (double spaced) on some aspect of this year's Sigma Tau Delta 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.

VII. Letters of Recommendation

Secure two brief (one page or less each), unsealed letters of recommendation written on letterhead (originals, not photocopies), at least one of which must be by a college English Department faculty member. Provide photocopies of these and include the original.

VIII. Sample Paper

Prepare a 2,000-3,000 word (double spaced) version of a paper originally submitted for a junior, senior, or graduate class (using the same font and type size, but double-spacing the lines). After the final page, put a *brief* endorsement (on letterhead, signed and dated) from the professor for whom you wrote the original, verifying your authorship and identifying the course. Staple all pages.

IX. Transcripts

Include **one** copy (official or unofficial) of **each** transcript from colleges/universities you have attended. Your most recent transcript should show an overall undergraduate (and a 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.