



ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FOR APPLICANTS

WHO MAY APPLY?

Adult students who are attending an institution that currently has an active Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter and who have achieved the following criteria (**Student may not have to be a member of the local Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter to apply**):

- Completed 24 semester hours (36 quarter hours) of graded coursework at this institution. (**Not including transfer hours, assessment hours, CLEP credit and the like and not including any courses in which the student is currently enrolled**).
- Achieved a grade point average of **3.2 on a 4.0 scale** on all work taken at this institution
- Is enrolled in an associate's or a baccalaureate degree program at this institution
- Has a financial need for assistance to complete their degree

NUMBER OF AWARDS:

- Six (6) \$3000.00
- Fifteen (15) \$2500.00

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- ❖ Personal Statement Form
 1. Academic Achievements
 2. Career Aspirations
 3. Financial Need
 4. Leadership Activities
 5. School/Life Balance Challenges
- ❖ Faculty Recommendation Form (**only one form will be submitted per application**)
 1. Personal Qualities/Challenges
 2. Promise As A Student and Graduate
 3. Leadership/Service to Community (Campus, Academic or Local)
 4. Promise To Their Chosen Profession
 5. Personal Observations/Comments

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Please contact the chapter councilor at your institution for scholarship application submission deadlines. For contact information, please contact the ASLHS home office by email at alsiglam@eiu.edu or by phone (217) 581-7106.
- ✓ Application & Personal Statement Form – The application must be signed by the applicant and submitted to the chapter councilor for review. This form may be completed on-line and downloaded in order to share the documents with the chapter councilor at your institution via email.
- ✓ One Faculty Recommendation Form – The faculty recommendation form is to be completed by a faculty member that has taught one or more classes that you have taken. This form is a fillable form that may be completed and saved in order to submit to the chapter councilor via institutional email.
- ✓ The chapter councilor will verify the student’s academic criteria through documentation available to them, and submit this information along with the scholarship application materials.

****Missing items or materials submitted in other formats will result in disqualification****

Principles

- a. *Scholarships will be made to adult students in continuing higher education based on scholarship, leadership, the clarity and content of their personal statement, strength of recommendation, and need.*
- b. ***Funds will be disbursed to the student, made payable to the student and the University/College at the end of the scholarship process.***
- c. *Maximum award per individual will be determined each year.*
- d. *Each chapter may nominate and submit no more than two complete scholarship applications from the application pool.*

Non-Discrimination Policy

No applicant will be denied eligibility for a Scholarship based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, disability unrelated to program performance, veteran status or genetic or family medical history.

Conflict of Interest Policy

No relative or member of the household of any Alpha Sigma Lambda Society Director or Member of the Selection Committee will be eligible for a Scholarship.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship Application Personal Statement

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Please write a paragraph or two discussing each of the following items.
(Each is worth up to 2 points for a total of up to 10 points for the personal statement).

Academic Achievements:

Career aspirations:

Financial need:

Leadership activities

School/life balance challenges and successes:

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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student: Please complete the information requested below and then give this page along with the Faculty Recommendation form to a faculty member who has agreed to write a recommendation in support of your application for an Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship. Faculty recommendations are an important part of the selection/review process so consider carefully which individual to ask for a recommendation.

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

(Optional) I hereby waive whatever rights of access I may have to this confidential recommendation as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Recommender:

The student who has given you this form is applying for a scholarship from Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Honor Society for Nontraditional Students in higher education. This scholarship selection process is highly competitive. Your recommendation and comments about this student are critical to the selection committee.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship Application Faculty Recommendation

Faculty recommender: _____

Faculty Institution: _____

Faculty email: _____

Student Name: _____

Please provide your thoughts, observations and appraisal of the student in each of the following areas.

Personal qualities/challenges:

Promise as a student and graduate:

Leadership/service to community (campus, academic or local):

Career potential/promise to their chosen profession

Personal observations/comments:

TIPS: FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

- ✓ Reach out to a faculty member who you recently took classes with. Remind them who you are- what grade you received, and anything else that may have stuck out (for example, the topic of your final paper or project, or if there were discussions, how frequently or early you posted).
- ✓ Mention a few things about yourself - what your educational and professional goals are, what your other responsibilities are in addition to taking classes.
- ✓ Clarify that the recommendation is meant to portray the type of student you are- which a faculty member can usually speak to from your behavior in their course.
- ✓ Offer to provide additional information if the faculty member feels it would be useful.
- ✓ Give the faculty a few weeks to complete the recommendation form...don't ask the week it is due.
- ✓ Ask a few faculty members for recommendations. So that if one or more don't feel comfortable giving one, you don't have to start the process over. It does not hurt to end up with more than one recommendation although only one will be submitted with the scholarship application.
- ✓ Remind the faculty that the recommendation can be sent via email to the chapter councilor using their faculty email address.

ASLHS Scholarship Review Guidelines

		Max Points
GPA	3.20 – 3.399	1
	3.40 – 3.599	2
	3.60 – 3.799	3
	3.80 – 4.00	4
ASL Membership	1 point if you have been inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda	1
Earned hours	1 point for 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours or more, graded and earned at the current institution	1
Personal statement form (each item worth up to 2 points)	Academic achievements	2
	Career aspirations	2
	Financial need	2
	Leadership activities	2
	School/life balance challenges	2
Faculty recommendation form (each item worth up to 1 point)	Personal qualities/challenges	1
	Promise as a student and graduate	1
	Leadership/service to community (campus, academic or local):	1
	Promise to their chosen profession	1
	Personal observations/comments	1
TOTAL		21