

# Alpha Phi Sigma

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society

## 2008 SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS of EXCELLENCE

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Regina B. Shearn Scholarship**

**Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship**

Dr. Regina B. Shearn is the first National Executive Director of Alpha Phi Sigma. Alpha Phi Sigma has grown considerably and continues to grow and thrive under her leadership and tutelage. The Regina B. Shearn Scholarship was established in 2001.

Recipients will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and a certificate. This Scholarship is based on academic performance, leadership and service, personal statement and evaluation reports.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines
- Academic Performance – submit most recent Transcript, signed by your Chapter advisor.
- Leadership and Service on the campus and in the community - submit a current copy of your Resume with leadership, service, honors/awards listed (on campus and in the community).
- Personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives, approximately 6 pages.
- Evaluation reports from four individuals who are in a position to attest to the student's performance, citizenship, and character.

#### **V.A. Leonard Scholarship**

**Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship**

V.A. Leonard founded Alpha Phi Sigma in 1942. He received his Ph.D. in Criminology and Public Administration. The V.A. Leonard Scholarship was established in 1982 in honor and recognition of Dr. Leonard's leadership and hard work in the field of Criminal Justice.

This Scholarship is based on academic achievement, professional recommendations, and extracurricular activities. The recipients will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and a certificate. Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines
- Submit a paper on "*My Conception of Alpha Phi Sigma.*" Describe your conception of Alpha Phi Sigma and what direction you would like to see the Honor Society take in the future in approximately 7 pages.
- Followed by "*Why I Deserve this Scholarship.*" In approximately 3 pages, state why you feel you deserve the scholarship and how you intend to use the scholarship money.
- Submit a copy of your most recent Transcript signed by your Chapter advisor.
- Submit 3 letters of Recommendations, preferably from faculty.

#### **Detective Cheryl Seiden Memorial Scholarship**

**Undergraduate Scholarship**

Metro-Dade Police Detective Cheryl Seiden was killed in the line of duty. Her husband, Mark Seiden, established an annual \$1,000 undergraduate scholarship in his wife's memory. Mark Seiden is an attorney in Dade County and is also a retired Sergeant with the Metro-Dade Police Department. The Cheryl Seiden Memorial Scholarship recipient will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and certificate.

Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines
- Submit a 10-15 page paper on "*The Evolving Role of Women in Law Enforcement.*"

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Commander James Carr Forensic Science Scholarship

### Undergraduate Scholarship

James Carr is the Commander of the Miami-Dade County Crime Lab. He is a committed forensic scientist and continues to lead the Department's Crime Lab into the dynamic 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The scholarship is being sponsored by Timothy M. Martin, Esq., an AV Rated/Board Certified Civil Trial Specialist in Miami. He is a former police officer with the Metro-Dade Police Department and was a homicide detective during the turbulent 80's. Mr. Martin has established an annual \$1,000 scholarship for an undergraduate student in Commander Carr's name.

Recipient will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and certificate. Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines
- Submit a 10-15 page paper on "*The Role of Forensic Science in a Specific Field of Criminal Justice.*"

## Public Agency Training Council Criminal Justice Scholarship

### Undergraduate Scholarship

The Public Agency Training Council was established 1987. James R. Alsup has been the Director since the company's inception. Today the PATC is the largest privately held law enforcement training company in the nation, offering a curriculum of over one hundred academy-quality training programs. The sole purpose of the PATC is to provide quality training in various contemporary issues such as corrections/court security, drugs/narcotics, crime scene, hostages, terrorism, leadership/supervision, school related violence, and criminal investigation.

The Public Agency Training Council has established an annual \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to an undergraduate student.

Recipient will receive a \$1,000 and a certificate. Applicants must:

- Follow the stipulated guidelines
- Submit a 10-15 page paper as to why training programs are essential to law enforcement personnel.

# AWARDS

## Outstanding Chapter Goals Awards

### Unity, Leadership & Service

The Goal Awards will be presented to the three chapters who have best shown exemplary efforts under each specific goal. An award of \$250 and a certificate will be presented to each of the three winning Chapters. One application entitles the Chapter for consideration for all three Goal Awards, but may be awarded only one of these coveted Awards.

Chapters must submit:

- Minutes: A complete set of Minutes from the chapter's meetings throughout the year, including E-Board meeting minutes.
- Supporting Materials: This may include, but is not limited to scrapbooks, press clippings, local Chapter's Newsletters, Chapter's appreciation letters, etc.

## Web Page Competition

An award of \$50 and certificate will be presented to the Chapter with the most outstanding Web Page. There is no need for chapters to apply, as all chapter websites linked to the National Headquarters Website ([www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org)) will be eligible.

**NOTE:** If your chapter website is not linked to National's, email the website address to:

**[Headquarters@alphaphisigma.org](mailto:Headquarters@alphaphisigma.org)**

**All Scholarship Applications and Awards  
Applications or Letters of Intent MUST be postmarked by:  
January 31, 2008**

## 2008 Alpha Phi Sigma Community Service "Theme" Project Award

This year's Alpha Phi Sigma theme is.....  
*"Ethics in Criminal Justice"*

Guidelines are as follows: One award of \$50 and a certificate will be presented to the Chapter with the most outstanding Theme project and Report. Each year at the National Conference, the National Officers will select a "Theme" for the year. Chapters will choose at least one community project to follow that "Theme" throughout the year. For 2008, the National Officers have chosen *"ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE."*

Chapters entering this competition must:

- Submit a letter of intent to the National Headquarters, within the due date
- Create a Poster/Scrapbook which depicts the activity(ies) of the "Theme"
- Submit a Report which contains: (1) a letter written by the agency's staff projects coordinator, stating and confirming the activities performed by the chapter and (2) a letter signed by the Chapter Advisor confirming the involvement of all the members who participated, by listing their names
- Poster/Scrapbook and Report must be brought to the National Conference for display and judging

**DO NOT Send Poster/ Scrapbook/ Report to National Headquarters**

## Advisor of the Year Award

Please mail a written recommendation, with a detailed letter stating why the chapter advisor deserves this honor. The local chapter executive board, and at least three fourths of the chapter's active members must support the nomination by signing a recommendation letter. The winning advisor will receive \$100 award and a plaque.

- Letter should include the advisor's rapport with the members, longevity, activities he or she has overseen or participated in, and his/her ability to motivate and lead.
- Advisor may receive award every 5 years.
- Advisor is not eligible to receive the advisor of the year award and advisor grant, in the same year.

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## Outstanding Yearbook Competition

The Chapter with the most outstanding yearbook will receive an award of \$100 and a certificate. To enter the Yearbook competition, chapters must submit:

- Letter of intent to the National Headquarters, by the due date
- Yearbooks must be brought to the National Conference for display & judging. Yearbooks will be judged on originality, creativity, content, and presentation
- Yearbook may include: photographs, newspaper clippings, local chapter newsletters, flyers, appreciation letters, and other items which illustrate the chapter's commitment to the ideals of Alpha Phi Sigma, throughout the year.

**DO NOT send yearbook to National Headquarters**

## Member of the Year Award

The winner will receive \$500 and a certificate. This award honors the member that best represents excellence in all four Alpha Phi Sigma **"IDEALS"**...*Service, Leadership, Unity, and Academic Excellence*. The chapter advisor may only nominate one student from the chapter. To nominate a student the advisor must submit:

- A letter of recommendation from the advisor stating why the member deserves the award.
- Chapter E-Board letter signed by all four officers of the local chapter, with at least ¾ of the current local chapter members' signatures, supporting this nomination.
- A copy of the student's most recent transcript.
- A list of the students' service, leadership, and professional activities.
- Student's Resume

## Best Paper Competition

**Undergraduate Scholarship, First & Second Place  
Graduate Scholarship, First & Second Place**

First Place will receive a scholarship of \$500 each and second place will receive \$250 each.

All applicants must follow the stipulated guidelines.

- Undergraduate Topic: "A Contemporary Issue in Criminal Justice" (7-10 pages)
- Graduate Topic: Graduate topic will coincide with the ACJS conference theme: "American Justice: Rhetoric or Reality?" (7-10 pages)

# GRANTS

## Chapter Grants

**Budget:** \$2000 is budgeted for Alpha Phi Sigma's Chapter Program Grant. All monies in the budget do not need to be distributed each year. Grant may be applied for more than one project. Specify each project in application and the amount of money requested.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the chapter program grant is to encourage chapters in their scholarly or service projects.

Examples of Chapter scholarly or service projects:

- \* Install a plaque on campus with names of former and current Alpha Phi Sigma members
- \* Fund a tutoring program staffed by members
- \* Sponsor a lecture series or honorarium for speakers
- \* Sponsor Honors Conference for high school students
- \* Sponsor an "Academic Picnic"

Guidelines:

- Chapter must be in good standing with the National Headquarters (Annual dues must be up to date)
- Actively admit new members to National (Minimum of 10 new members a year)
- Submit a description of the scholarly or the service project to be funded
- Chapters' projects will be reviewed and awarded based on a first come first serve policy
- Awards may vary; but the maximum chapter award is \$200
- Application must be submitted at least a semester before the funds are to be used
- After project has been completed, chapter must submit an article on the scholarly/service program, to be printed in the national Docket (photos may be included)
- Chapter may receive only one project grant every 3 years
- Chapter may apply for grants any time of the year. Grants will be awarded throughout the year.

Procedures: Application must follow the format below

- University/College Name
- Chapter Name
- Address
- Approval Signature of Chapter Advisor
- Grant Amount Requested, not to exceed \$200
- Semester that the Grant is requested for
- Name and Description of the Project (not to exceed 2 pages)

## Advisor Grants

**Budget:** \$2000 is budgeted for Alpha Phi Sigma Advisor's Grants. Eight awards of \$250 each will be given to recognize and encourage advisors; strengthen the chapter network; and promote the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma. These awards require a matching grant from other sources.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this award program is to recognize and encourage advisors of campus chapters, to strengthen the chapter network, and to promote the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma. **Description:** Grants will be awarded for attendance at the Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference. Advisors will be eligible once every three years.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a current active member and an advisor of an Alpha Phi Sigma chapter for least one year. (limit one advisor per chapter)
- Commit to at least a 2 year term as advisor after the National Conference
- Obtain a matching grant from the unit administrator or other campus source (e.g. provost's office; student affairs; alumni association) or an APS alumni chapter or personal funds. (This grant and its match are not guaranteed to fund all expenses of the National Conference).

Procedures:

- File application at least the Summer/Fall semester before the Conference. Applications which meet eligibility criteria will be accepted on a first come, first serve policy and will be announced immediately.
- Applications will be accepted until grant money is depleted.

Mail the following information to:

Alpha Phi Sigma National Headquarters  
Nova Southeastern University  
UPP 3524, 3301 College Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

- Advisor's Name
- University or College Name
- Local Chapter Name
- Address, Telephone number and E-mail Address
- Matching Grant Source
- Statement: I agree to accept the conditions of the grant as stated above
- Signature and Date

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January 31, 2008**

# GUIDELINES

## PAPER GUIDELINES

All "papers" submitted for scholarships/awards must follow the format specified below:

- Cover sheet: A cover sheet with title of paper, student's name, address, phone number, college/university attending, student status (undergraduate, graduate), APS chapter name, chapter advisor, chapter president and chapter address
- There should be no identification of the student anywhere within the "paper," only on the cover sheet
- Title page (separate from cover sheet) with the title of the paper only
- One page abstract, paper and work cited page
- Papers must be double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, and 1" margins
- The original "paper/application" plus five copies and a copy in Microsoft-WORD on CD ROM.

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

All application material must be sent to National Headquarters and postmarked no later than **January 31st, 2008**

A panel of impartial ACJS & APS faculty members will judge all entries and the awards will be presented at the National Conference. If the judges deem the applicants have not met the standards set forth here, or feel they do not academically meet the level of work expected, no prizes will be awarded.

- Applicants must be Alpha Phi Sigma members
- Applicants must be enrolled in an academic program within two semesters after receiving the scholarship
- Applicant will produce proof of enrollment or acceptance into a program
- Scholarship monies must be applied to further student's higher education
- Applicants are not eligible to receive the same scholarship two years in succession.

## SUBMIT ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS & LETTERS OF INTENT TO...

**Alpha Phi Sigma National Headquarters**  
Nova Southeastern University  
UPP 3524      3301 College Ave  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314  
Tel. 954-262-7004 • Fax. 954-262-3646  
[www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org)

**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN**  
**January 31, 2008**