



Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship for Adult Students

The Alpha Sigma Lambda Adult Education Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer five general scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each for adult students matriculated at schools with an active chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda national honor society. Applicants need not be members of Beta Psi Alpha, the University of Hartford's chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, to be eligible for this scholarship.

Eligibility: To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Currently attend undergraduate classes at the University of Hartford
- Have completed at least 30 graded semester hours towards a degree at the University of Hartford at the time of application
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Be 24 years of age or older
- Demonstrate financial need
- Must have plans to attend both semesters of the 2009-2010 academic year

Application Procedure:

- Applicants must submit an application package to Karen Sullivan, Office of Adult Academic Services, CC 234, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. The application package must consist of:
 - Application form
 - One official transcript in a sealed envelope
 - A personal statement
 - One letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- The deadline to submit completed application to Karen Sullivan is Wednesday, April 1, 2009.
- The University of Hartford will select two applications from among those received to forward to the national headquarters of Alpha Sigma Lambda no later than April 30, 2009.
- Notifications to winners will be made in June of 2009 by the Alpha Sigma Lambda Foundation.

Evaluation of Applications will be based on:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Personal statement
- Faculty recommendation
- Financial need

For information, contact Karen Sullivan at 860-768-4373 or ksullivan@hartford.edu.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

To be considered an application packet must include the following:

1. The application form (typed or printed in black ink)
2. One current official transcript of your academic work in a sealed envelope.
3. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the institution where you are currently enrolled.
4. A cover sheet completed and signed by the ASL National Counselor at your institution.
 - Use only paper clips, no staples.
 - The faculty recommendation must be on official university letterhead.
 - Use only the forms provided in this packet.
 - Missing items or materials submitted in other formats will result in disqualification.

Notification of awards will be in June, 2009.

Submit 3 collated copies of the application to the Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter councilor at your institution. Allow sufficient time for review, verification and submission with a postmark **no later than the designated date.**

2009-10 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT GUIDELINES

1. Principles

- a. Grants 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 college business/treasurer's office in the name of the student as a credit to his/her account.
- c. Maximum award per individual will be determined each year.

2. Non-Discrimination Policy

No applicant will be denied eligibility for a Scholarship Grant on the basis of race, creed, color, sex or National Origin.

3. Conflict of Interest Policy

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

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Student: Please complete the information requested below and then give this page to a faculty person 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:

The student who has given you this form is applying for a scholarship from Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education. This scholarship selection process is highly competitive since approximately 100 applications will be received and only a total of eight scholarships can be given. Your recommendation and comments about this student are critical to the selection committee.

Please use official university stationary for your letter and include your complete address, title, and telephone number. When completed, the recommendation should be given to the student for inclusion in the application packet. You may enclose it in an envelope, if desired.

Your enthusiasm and comments are of paramount importance to the applicant. To help you focus your comments, we have provided a list of some characteristics for your consideration. We do not expect you to address all of these, but thought that a list might be of some assistance.

- Personal qualities and challenges
- Overall promise as a student and graduate
- Appraisal of the student's commitment to completing their degree
- Career potential
- Knowledge of special achievements or circumstances overcome
- Leadership
- Service to community
- Attitude/Commitment
- Personal management skills
- Communication skills
- Scholastic effort
- Financial need

Thank you for taking the time to assist this student in their quest for a scholarship.

REVIEW GUIDELINES

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

a. Scholarship* based on grade point average for hours graded and earned as follows:

3.20 – 3.399	1 point
3.40 – 3.599	2 points
3.60 – 3.799	3 points
3.80 – 4.0	4 points

*plus 1 point for 60 semester or 90 quarter hours or more, graded and earned at the current institution

*maximum points = 5

b. Personal statement (1 to 10 points)

- academic achievements
- career aspirations
- personal observation
- financial need
- listing of leadership activities
- brief description of activities

c. Recommendations by faculty (1 to 5 points)

- appraisal of personal qualities/challenges
- appraisal of overall promise as a student and graduate
- appraisal of student's commitment to completing their degree
- appraisal of overall promise to their chosen profession
- personal observations/comments

The recommendation might include the following observed behaviors by the faculty member:

- Leadership
- Service to Community
- Service to College/University
- Attitude/Commitment
- Personal Management Skills
- Communication Skills
- Scholastic Effort
- Financial Need, Personal Qualities, Challenges

Total points for each applicant compiled from all members of the Selection Committee will be compared. The eight highest totals will qualify for the grants. Decisions by the Selection Committee will be final.