



ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA HONOR SOCIETY

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

WHO MAY APPLY?

Eligible Applicants (*previous scholarship recipients may not apply*):

Adult students attending an institution with an active Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter. (Note: Applicants do not need to be members of the local Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter.)

Choose the appropriate box below.

Undergraduate Degree Level

- **Enrollment:** *Enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate degree program.*
- **Residency Requirement:**
 - **Associate degree:** Completed 12 semester hours (18 quarter hours) of graded coursework at the member institution.
 - **Baccalaureate degree:** Completed 24 semester hours (36 quarter hours) of graded coursework at the member institution. (Transfer hours, CLEP credit, assessment hours, and current coursework do not count.)
- **Academic Performance:** Minimum GPA of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

Master's Degree Level

Enrollment: *Enrolled in a post-baccalaureate or master's degree program.*

Residency Requirement:

- Students must have completed the equivalent of one term of graded coursework in a master's degree program at the member institution (*e.g.*, 9 semester hours or 13.5 quarter semester hours or equivalent). Not including transfer hours (Transfer hours, assessment hours, and current coursework do not count.)

Academic Performance: Minimum GPA of at least a 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional Criteria

Financial Need: Applicants must describe their eligibility for financial assistance and demonstrate financial need to complete their degree.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

- **Undergraduate:** Six (6) \$3000, Fourteen (14) \$2500, Four (4) \$2000
- **Master's:** One (1) \$1500

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: All forms are fillable forms and MUST be typed. Hand written forms will not be accepted.**
- ✓ Contact the chapter councilor at your institution for scholarship application submission deadlines. For contact information, visit the ASLHS on-line chapter directory, <https://alsiglam.org/chapter-directory/>.
- ✓ Application & Personal Statement Form – The application must be signed by the applicant and submitted to the ASLHS 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 must be completed and saved in order to submit to the chapter councilor via their institutional email. No substitutions of this form will be accepted.
- ✓ 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 recipient 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 submit no more than **two (2)** complete scholarship applications for undergraduate level and **one (1)** complete scholarship application for master's level from the application pool.*

Nondiscrimination 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
Personal Statement

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Please write a paragraph or two discussing each of the following items.
(Total of up to 17 points for the personal statement).

Recent academic achievements: *(Awards, Scholarships, Extracurricular achievements, Publications, Research projects, Dean's List, Recognition of hard work and talent, etc.)*

Career aspirations: *(Long-term career goals, plans, dreams, etc.)*

Financial need: *(Describe your current family circumstances, financial challenges, any financial assistance that you are currently receiving (or expecting to receive), and the impact it would have if you were a recipient of a scholarship.)*

Recent leadership activities: *(Volunteering, internships, passion projects, student/professional organizations, social group activities, etc.)*

School/life balance challenges and successes: *(Explain your challenges while juggling academics, work, and family and how you succeed.)*

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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.

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED.

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 FOR FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ *Be mindful that the recommendation from a faculty member is a vital part of the application and scoring process. Choose a faculty member who knows you well, and can speak to your strengths, achievements, and character.*
- ✓ *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.*

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

GPA	3.50 – 3.699	1
	3.70 – 3.799	2
	3.80 – 3.899	3
	3.90 – 4.00	4
ASL Membership	2 points for Alpha Sigma Lambda Membership	2
Personal Statement Form (worth up to 17 points)	Academic Achievements	5
	Career Aspirations	1
	Financial Need	3
	Leadership Activities	5
	School/Life Balance Challenges	3
Faculty Recommendation Form (worth up to 10 points)	Personal Qualities/Challenges	3
	Promise as a Student and Graduate	2
	Leadership/Service to Community (Campus, Academic, or Local)	3
	Promise to Their Chosen Profession	1
	Personal Observations/Comments	1
	Maximum Total Points	33

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATES - MASTER'S DEGREE LEVEL

GPA	3.80 – 3.899	1
	3.90 – 4.00	2
ASL Membership	2 points for Alpha Sigma Lambda Membership	2
Personal Statement Form (worth up to 17 points)	Academic Achievements	5
	Career Aspirations	1
	Financial Need	3
	Leadership Activities	5
	School/Life Balance Challenges	3
Faculty Recommendation Form (worth up to 10 points)	Personal Qualities/Challenges	3
	Promise as a Student and Graduate	2
	Leadership/Service to Community (Campus, Academic, or Local)	3
	Promise to Their Chosen Profession	1
	Personal Observations/Comments	1
	Maximum Total Points	31