

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA
ADULT EDUCATION FOUNDATION
\$1200 and \$1500 SCHOLARSHIPS
for classes in 2009-2010

Students from SUNY Cortland may apply for this national scholarship from Alpha Sigma Lambda – a national honor society for adult students.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time of application the student must have/be:

- 1) Cumulative GPA of at least 3.2
- 2) Completed 30 credit hours at SUNY Cortland
- 3) At least 24 years old
- 4) Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at SUNY Cortland
- 5) Plan to be enrolled as an undergraduate student during the 2009-2010 academic year with at least a full calendar year of work needed to complete an undergraduate degree
- 6) Financial need

- REQUIREMENTS:
- 1) Completed application form
 - 2) An Official SUNY Cortland transcript in a sealed and signed envelope
 - 3) A completed personal statement (types of things to include: academic achievements, career aspirations, personal observation, financial need, listing of leadership activities, brief description of activities)
 - 4) A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at SUNY Cortland on official college letterhead.

It is preferred that all information be typed or printed in black ink. **Please use only paper clips, no staples.**

The scholarship 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 financial need. Applicants must attend an institution with an Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter (SUNY Cortland has a chapter) but they do not need to be a chapter member.

Upon review and selection of local candidates for the scholarship, **two applications** will be forwarded to the National Alpha Sigma Lambda Scholarship Committee for selection from the national pool of applicants. Four \$1200 scholarships and two \$1500 scholarships will be awarded. Awarded funds will be disbursed to the college business office in the name of the student as a credit to his/her account.

All materials must be submitted to:

Cheryl Hines
Alpha Sigma Lambda, Chapter Advisor
SUNY Cortland, Advisement & Transition
Memorial Library, A-111
Cortland, NY 13045

APPLICATION DUE: April 16, 2009

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Application for Scholarship • 2009-2010
(typed or printed in black ink)

1. Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
2. Home Phone: (_____) _____ e-mail _____
3. Student ID Number*: _____
4. Permanent Address: _____
(Street)
- _____
- (City) (State) (Zip)

5. Date of Birth: _____
6. Present Employment:
Position: _____
- _____ Part-time _____ Full-time

7. Educational Record:

Current Undergraduate College/University	Total Hours Earned?	Type: Semester or Qtr.	Quality Points Earned?	Cumulative GPA?
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Current Education Program:

Presently a student at _____
(Institution)

Date of entrance _____

What is your present degree program? _____ BA, _____ BS, _____ BSED, _____ BFA

Major/area of concentration: _____

Expected date of degree completion _____

Are you a part-time or full-time student? _____ Full-time _____ Part-time

Other institutions previously attended and hours earned:

9. **On a separate sheet of paper**, write a personal statement of no more than two pages discussing your academic achievements, career aspirations, personal goals, your perception of your abilities, financial need and other comments relevant to your application. A description of your leadership roles and activities in college or community activities should also be included.

10. Alpha Sigma Lambda Foundation would like permission to announce the names of the recipients to other Alpha Sigma Lambda chapters, in the official newsletter ***The Midnight Oil***, and on the Alpha Sigma Lambda Website as well as to your local newspaper.

Signature

_____ No, please do not release my name. (This will not affect the decision of the review committee in any way.)

_____ Yes, you may release my name to my home town newspaper which is:

Name of Paper

Address

City State Zip Code

**Social Security Number will be required if you are chosen for a scholarship.*

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 six 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