

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

I. ROLE

Purpose #5 - The role of the Scholarship Committee is to provide available monies for scholarships and enrichment grants to active Alpha Alpha State members in good standing.

II. BIENNIAL GOALS

- A. To award scholarships and enrichment grants
- B. To coordinate articles for the *Keystonian*
- C. To plan the Awards Ceremony at the annual PA State Convention
- D. To maintain and keep current the Scholarship books of recipients' resumes
- E. To update website scholarship information
- F. To reinforce the word to *all* members that Scholarship monies are available
- G. To continue to inform membership about the Marian Spitzer Robling scholarship for new members of which up to one is awarded each year
- H. To continually review the rules for applying for scholarships at State Convention, Conferences and Seminars

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO GOALS

- A. 26 Applications were received. There are 13 awardees: 2 Scholarships, 1 Marian Spitzer Robling Award, and 10 Enrichment Grants. These will be presented at the PA State Convention in June 2016. Of the 13 requests that were rejected, 1 was a request for the MSR Award and 12 were requests for Enrichment Grants. For the Enrichment Grant to be meaningful, the top 10 applicants were awarded.
- B. As of May 2016, all but three 2015 Enrichment Grant recipients have published their article in the *Keystonian*. These three will be published in the Summer 2016 *Keystonian*, or will present at the 2016 Convention.
- C. All arrangements are complete for the 2016 State Convention.
- D. The Scholarship history books continue to be updated.
- E. Work continues to help keep the website user friendly.
- F. Members need to be reminded that they play an important part in helping to encourage other members to apply.
- G. There has been success in awarding the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship in the past, but chapters need to tell their newest members that the Scholarship is available for them. Three applied for the MSR in 2016.
- H. All 10 curriculum vitae for 2015 were submitted for our records. The CVs for 2016 will be delivered to me at Convention.

IV. OTHER ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE: FOCUS FOR 2016 - 2017

To continue performing the important Biennial Goals listed above, especially reinforcing that *all* members play such an important role in helping to encourage other members to apply for scholarship monies.

V. ACTIONS RELATED TO THE PSO STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

- A. Activity 1.1.6. Publicize information on financial opportunities offered to members such as academic scholarships and experiential enrichment grants.

Each Fall *Keystonian* advertises and details scholarships and grants available for the February 1st deadline.

The Winter *Keystonian* details the application process and the evaluation criteria. The Winter, Spring, and Summer *Keystonians* include articles written by Enrichment Grant recipients detailing the activities for which the grant was used. The Summer *Keystonian* also includes a description and picture of all June award recipients.

Time is allotted at each June Convention for the Scholarship Chair to present a program detailing the scholarship and enrichment grants available and the application process.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

Review the rules for applying for scholarships at State Convention, Conferences, Seminars and Chapter Meetings.

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