

**2018 LAMBDA ALPHA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP,
LAMBDA ALPHA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS &
50TH ANNIVERSARY LAMBDA ALPHA FOUNDER'S
STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

Dear Chapter Faculty Sponsors:

The Lambda Alpha National Executive Council members encourage the Lambda Alpha chapter faculty sponsors to submit nominees for the 2018 Lambda Alpha annual awards. In recognition of Lambda Alpha's 50th anniversary, in 2018 we are awarding \$30,000 in student awards. This is a substantial increase in award funding compared to previous years. Details regarding the 2018 awards are summarized on page 2.

Please select one undergraduate senior nominee per chapter for the National Scholarships. Please nominate one graduate student per chapter for the Graduate Student Research Grants. The graduate student nominee should request support for research in one of the three award categories: archeology, bio-anthropology, or cultural/linguistic anthropology. Please select two nominees per chapter for the Lambda Alpha Founders Student Paper Competition, consisting of a paper submission from one undergraduate student and a paper submission from one graduate student.

These are limited and closed competitions with sizable awards. Well-qualified candidates have a reasonable chance to win. To ensure a quality set of candidates, applicants that are not society members will be allowed to join the honor society. New applicants must be accepted by their chapter by the award deadline. To apply for membership, chapter faculty sponsors should submit a printed, signed application form and the \$25 lifetime membership fee before the competition deadline. The application deadline for awards and membership applications is **March 15, 2018**. Printed, official copies of student transcripts and the signed release forms must be postmarked by March 15, 2018 to be eligible for the awards competition. Please submit membership and award applications to the Lambda Alpha National Office (Attn: Melanie Cabak).

Sincerely yours,

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Lambda Alpha 50th Anniversary, 1968-2018
2018 Student Awards, \$30,000 Total

Lambda Alpha National Scholarships

3 undergraduate senior student scholarships, \$5,000 each, \$15,000 total

The three undergraduate scholarships will be awarded to the top three applicants selected by the National Executive Council members.

Lambda Alpha Graduate Student Research Grants

6 grants, 3 grant categories, \$2,000 per grant, \$12,000 total

Grant Categories

Archaeology Grants, 2, \$2,000 each, \$4,000 category total

Bio-Anthropology Grants, 2, \$2,000 each, \$4,000 category total

Cultural/Linguistic Anthropology, 2, \$2,000 each, \$4,000 category total

The Graduate Student Research Grants will be awarded to the top two applicants in each grant category (archaeology, bio-anthropology, cultural/linguistic anthropology) selected by the National Executive Council.

50th Anniversary Lambda Alpha Founder's Student Paper Competition

14 awards, 2 categories, 7 awards per category, \$3,000 total

Undergraduate Student Category (\$1,500 total)

1st Place Award, \$700

2nd Place Award, \$400

3rd Place Award, \$300

Honorable Mention Awards, \$25 each, 4 awards \$100 total

Awarded to the 4th to 7th applicants selected by the judges.

Graduate Student Category (\$1,500 total)

1st Place Award, \$700

2nd Place Award, \$400

3rd Place Award, \$300

Honorable Mention Awards, \$25 each, 4 awards \$100 total

Awarded to the 4th to 7th applicants selected by the judges.

The winning papers will be considered for publication in a 50th anniversary commemorative issue of the *Lambda Alpha Journal*.

LAMBDA ALPHA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Your chapter may send forward only ONE candidate for this award. The Lambda Alpha National Scholarship of \$5,000 is to be awarded to a *TRUE graduating senior (summer 2018) majoring in anthropology. The winners of the scholarships will be announced in June, 2018. To commemorate Lambda Alpha's 50th anniversary in 2018, three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top three scholarships applicants selected by the National Executive Council Members.

As a requirement for your candidate's participation in the Scholarship award competition, the chapter faculty sponsor must assist in forwarding (no e-mail submissions accepted) to the National Office before the postmarked **March 15 deadline**, 4 copies (one original for the National Office and 3 copies for the National Executive Council members) the following materials printed front-to-back and stapled, with NO covers/folders:

1. A letter of nomination from the department or appropriate academic unit stating the candidate is applying for the National Scholarship.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. A statement signed by the applicant, located on page 4, giving permission to the National Executive Council members to view submitted transcripts.
4. One official, original academic transcript and 3 copies of transcripts of all undergraduate institutions attended by the applicant.
5. Two (2) supporting letters of recommendation; one letter must be from a professional anthropologist (**4 copies each**). The letters should be forwarded to the faculty sponsor by the letter writers to include in the application packet.
6. A statement of future professional plans limited to one page or less, single spaced. (**4 copies**)
7. A document must be submitted in manuscript form, double spaced, no less than 10 pages in length, that is ready for consideration for publication in the *Lambda Alpha Journal*. (**4 copies**). The purpose is to evaluate formal writing skills, and the ability to compose a research paper. Original thesis manuscripts, previously published papers, co-authored publications and contract archaeological reports are not acceptable. Please submit the required original manuscript in a pdf file on a CD, thumb drive, or flash drive and any associated graphics. The file will be sent to the Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Peer Moore-Jansen for consideration in the *Lambda Alpha Journal* via Melanie Cabak of the National Office.

*TRUE: An applicant is considered an eligible graduating senior for purposes of competing for the Lambda Alpha National Scholarship Award if she/he has acquired formal senior status since the last competition or if she/he competes as an ongoing senior, but must then graduate by the end of the academic year. An applicant can compete only once for the award.

Please mail application packet to:

Lambda Alpha Honor Society
P.O. Box 1455
Muncie, IN 47308

Attn: Melanie Cabak

Scholarship Application Release Form for Student Transcripts

I, _____, became a lifetime member
(student signature here)

of Lambda Alpha's chapter name: _____/state: _____

in _____ (mo./yr.), and hereby give permission to the National Executive Council to view my undergraduate transcripts.

As a requirement for your participation in the Lambda Alpha Scholarship award competition, the following statement permits the reading, consideration and publication of your manuscript submission in the *Lambda Alpha Journal*. This signed release form included with your pdf on a CD, thumb drive, or flash drive will be sent to the Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Peer Moore-Jansen, via Mrs. Di Fabio of the National Office.

Required Manuscript Release Form

I hereby give permission to the editor of the *Lambda Alpha Journal* to review and publish my writing sample manuscript in pdf on a CD, thumb drive, or flash and any associated graphics to the Lambda Alpha Scholarship Award competition. I also confirm the originality of the manuscript and that my submission is not published elsewhere in its current form. I accept editorial changes made by the editorial staff of the journal as needed to suit publication format.

If chosen for publication, I wish to receive a complimentary copy at the following address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Release form approved by:

Dr. Peer H. Moore-Jansen, Editor-in-Chief
Lambda Alpha Journal
c/o: Department of Anthropology, 114 Neff Hall
Wichita State University
Wichita, KS 67260-0052

(Please make 4 copies and include this completed release form with your other application materials.)

LAMBDA ALPHA GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS

The Graduate Research Grant is designed to encourage thesis field research. Request for financial support for travel, basic field equipment, and on-location labor costs would be favored. The grant cannot be used for indirect expenses. Six grants are being offered for 2018, in recognition of Lambda Alpha's 50th Anniversary. The grants will be awarded to each of the three sub-disciplines: archeology (two grants for \$2,000 each); bio-anthropology (two grants for \$2,000 each); and cultural/linguistic anthropology (two grants for \$2,000 each) with the maximum of one applicant per discipline, per chapter. The winners of the competition will be announced in June, 2018. Any unused grant funds will be reimbursed to Lambda Alpha.

Applicants must:

1. Be a lifetime member of Lambda Alpha.
2. Be enrolled in the graduate program in their department for at least one academic year.
3. Have selected their thesis advisor.
4. Have formed a thesis or dissertation committee and have an approved anthropological research topic.
5. Have their faculty sponsor serve as a financial advisor and agree to be responsible for the dispersal of the grant funds to the student.

Their chapter faculty sponsor or thesis advisor must forward (no e-mail submission of materials is accepted) to the National Office before the postmarked **March 15 deadline**, 4 copies (one original and 3 copies) of the following items to be reviewed by the National Executive Council members:

1. A letter of nomination and support stating the sub-discipline of the applicant. (**4 copies**)
2. Curriculum vitae. (**4 copies**)
3. One original and 3 copies of transcript of all undergraduate/graduate institutions. Please complete and include the attached authorization on page 6.
4. A statement (**4 copies**) of financial responsibility from either their thesis advisor or thesis committee chairman containing their name and mailing address—use the attached authorization on page 6.
5. The applicant's thesis/dissertation proposal is to be in manuscript form and no longer than 5 pages, double-spaced, and must include a one-page itemized budget for no more than \$2,000. (**4 copies**)

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Muncie, IN 47308

Attn: Melanie Cabak

Graduate Research Grant Release Form

I, _____, became a lifetime member of
(student signature here)

Lambda Alpha's chapter name: _____/state: _____ in
(mo./yr.), and hereby give permission to the National Executive Council to
view my undergraduate/graduate transcripts.

Notice of January, 2017: Lambda Alpha requires that the funding must be used after the receipt of the grant award for upcoming research, not as after-the-fact funding or reimbursement for research already conducted. Added in January, 2016, any unused award is to be refunded to Lambda Alpha.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Date:

Lambda Alpha National Executive Council:

This is to affirm that _____ is a graduate student in good standing
in the Anthropology Department of _____.

Sincerely,

(print name/title: Thesis Advisor, or Thesis Committee Chairman)

Contact information to include mailing and E-mail address:

Please make 4 copies and include this completed release form with your application packet.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY LAMBDA ALPHA FOUNDER'S
STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

**Rules and additional information for the paper competition to be announced
mid-February 2018.**