



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD (for the fall 2010 – spring 2011 academic year)

The **Student Leadership Award** is presented to students for outstanding service to Sigma Tau Delta at the chapter level. Applicants for the award will demonstrate their individual commitment to the ideals of Sigma Tau Delta and their ability to promote those ideals through a leadership role in their local chapters.

It is best to prepare your letter of nomination by the end of the academic year, while memories of the student's hard work and diligence are still fresh. Students and Sponsors are invited to submit nominations. No student may receive this award more than once.

The recipient of the award will receive a check for \$250 and a plaque.

Criteria:

- 1) The student nominee must be a current member in good standing of Sigma Tau Delta, or have been a member in good standing within the past six months. Members who have graduated in the spring or summer and those graduating in the fall are eligible for the award. Alumni and Alumni Epsilon members are not eligible for this award.
- 2) The student must not have received the award previously.
- 3) The student must be nominated by a Chapter Sponsor or by a member in good standing from his or her chapter.

Judging of the Nominees:

- 1) The Central Office will verify active chapter status and member status.
- 2) Judges will be non-student members of the Outstanding Chapter/Project Grants Committee.
- 3) Those students not selected for the award are eligible for nomination in subsequent years of service.
- 4) The winner of the award will be announced at the international convention each spring.

Nomination Procedures:

- 1) One Sponsor or chapter member may nominate one member, per chapter, per year by emailing a letter of nomination for the award. Subsequent letters of nomination from a chapter will be disregarded.
- 2) The nomination letter should not exceed 1,000 words and must contain the following:
 - a. Statement describing the nominee's contribution to the local chapter ideals of Sigma Tau Delta.
 - b. Length and dates of nominee's service as an officer/member of Sigma Tau Delta.
 - c. Name and contact information for the Chapter Sponsor(s) (mail and email addresses, phone numbers).
 - d. If applicable, name and contact information of the student submitting the nomination (mail and email addresses, phone numbers).
- 3) Submit the nomination by email to sigmatdapply@niu.edu from a Chapter Sponsor's school email address. By emailing the nomination, the Chapter Sponsor is endorsing the nomination and attesting to the accuracy of the information.
- 4) In the subject line, type STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD.
- 5) ATTACH the nomination letter as a Word (doc or docx) or in PDF, titled with *Student Leadership* first followed by the abbreviated name of your school.
Example: *Student Leadership MYU.doc*
- 6) Nominations must be completed and received by **November 8**. No late nominations will be accepted.