



## SIGMA LAMBDA BETA - Eta Alpha Chapter “OPPORTUNITY FOR WISDOM”

### Scholarship Application for High School Students

*Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Incorporated is a social organization that was founded on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1986 at the University of Iowa. It is based on cultural understanding, academics, and leadership. Most noteworthy is that 18 men of whom 16 were of Latin American or Hispanic origin/descent gathered in sight of a common goal for progression of their under-represented community at the University of Iowa. Thus, Sigma Lambda Beta was established. Over the past twenty years our vision has grown beyond coast to coast, where tolerance and understanding of cultural awareness strengthens on each campus.*

*We believe in the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Community Service, and Cultural Awareness in order to promote the equality of all men no matter what their race, culture, or ethnicity. Our main goal is to see that all of society can realize the importance of these principles. It is with these values in mind that we, the brothers from the Sigma Lambda Beta Eta-Alpha Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin, offer this scholarship to help others reach their goals for a higher education who feel passionately about their cultural background and progression of their community.*

#### Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to have young male students incorporate cultural awareness into their education in order to build competence and promote diversity. The award money for this endowment was raised through fundraising, programming, and hard work by the brothers attending the University of Texas at Austin. This is an opportunity for our student organization to give back to the communities from which we came. The award money will be redeemable for any college expenses not covered by financial aid during the Fall 2008 semester.

#### Qualifications

The Sigma Lambda Beta “Opportunity For Wisdom” scholarship is available to any male high school graduating senior planning to attend any Four-year College or University. Applications will only be sent to qualifying High Schools (alma-mater high-schools of Sigma Lambda Beta Eta-Alpha Chapter members). However, students from any other high school are eligible and encouraged to apply and will still be considered. The applicant must plan to attend a Four-year College or University as a full student, demonstrate financial need, and have a minimum grade point average of a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

#### Application Criteria

To gain Qualification, the applicant will be expected to complete the following application which consists of Contact Information, Background Information, Financial Qualifications, and answer **one** of four essay questions in no more than 500 words. The essays revolve around our principals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Cultural Awareness, and Community service. The student should also include their official high-school transcript, a copy of their parents W-2 Form, and letters of recommendation. A resume will also be accepted if available.

**Deadline: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 all entries postmarked after May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will not be considered**

#### Required Documents

- € Official High School Transcript
- € Copy of Parents W-2 Form
- € 1-2 letter(s) of recommendation
- € Maximum 500 word essay

#### Scholarship Rewards

**\$500.00**



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Please complete and be accurate when answering each item. Must be typed or in ink. Application deadline May 5th, 2008

If you wish to be considered for scholarship eligibility, please return the completed application, 500 word essay and 1-2 letters of recommendation. You are also encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

A. Contact Information

Name: Last First M.I. Phone: ( )

Home Address: Street City State Zip Code

E-mail address: Date of Birth: Month / Day / Year

Father's Name: Last First Mother's Name: Last First

Parent Address: (if different) Street City State Zip Code

B. School Information

Current High School: Phone: ( )

School Address: Street City State Zip Code

Class Rank: out of Grade Point Average: SAT ACT If applicable

Expected graduation Date: Month / Day / Year

C. Personal Background

Racial/Ethnic Cultural Group (Optional): Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban South/Central American African American Non-Hispanic Origin Other:

Father's academic completion N/A High School Some College College Degree Post College Degree

Mother's academic completion N/A High School Some College College Degree Post College Degree

Will you be the first in your immediate family (Brothers and sister's included) to attend college? Yes No



**C. Personal Background (cont.)**

(use extra pages if necessary)

Extra-curricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leadership Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Character References:

List three personal references (only one may be related to you)

Name of Reference:

Occupation/Relation:

Phone Number:

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**D. Financial Qualification**

College/University plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice

Second Choice

Intended Major/Program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice

Second Choice

How will you support yourself while attending college full-time? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your family provide any financial support during the period of this scholarship grant? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you be living at your parent's home? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If No, where will/would you plan to live?

Example: dorms, apartment, house with friends, etc.



**E. Short Essay Section (Choose ONE)**

(Essay should be no more than 500 words)

**I. Brotherhood**

Strong bonds and experiences between friends and/or family members are important especially when overcoming different types of adversity in life. Provide a time when you helped, or were helped by someone close to you in order to overcome an obstacle that otherwise would not have been possible.

**II. Scholarship**

Explain why academics are important to you and what you wish to accomplish by attending a major University. Provide specific goals and aspirations motivating you to continue your education. Explain why it will be important in your community to obtain academic success.

**III. Community Service**

Giving back to the community involves an unselfish mentality of generosity and fulfillment. If you had the funding to make a difference in your community, how would you use it, why? Give examples of the ways this will affect your community and why you feel so passionately about this specific issue.

**IV. Cultural Awareness**

Describe a moment in your life that you felt proud of your cultural Identity. Describe the situation, why you felt this way, and how it educated you in any way.

**Final Check List:**

- Official High School Transcript
- Copy of Parents W-2 Form
- 1-2 letter(s) of recommendation
- Maximum 500 word essay

**Verification**

My signature certifies that all the information provided in this application for the "Opportunity for Wisdom" Scholarship is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the ΣΛΒ Eta-Alpha Chapter Scholarship Committee to inquire and verify all information necessary in the processing of this scholarship application. I acknowledge that payment of this scholarship is contingent upon proof of my college enrollment in the Fall of 2008.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

***All applicants must sign this agreement.  
Failure to do so will result in disqualification.***

**Mail completed application to:**

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