



# Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation

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## Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation 2010 Scholarship and Educational Grant Frequently Asked Questions

**Can a sister receive a scholarship if she will be graduating fall 2010 (December), and will not be attending graduate school?**

- A sister must be enrolled fall 2010 through spring 2011 to receive a scholarship, so unfortunately sisters graduating in fall 2010 will **not** be eligible for a scholarship. Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the college or university where a sister is enrolled in January, 2011.

**Can a sister receive a scholarship if she will be transferring to a different college after fall semester 2010 (she will be at a different college spring 2011)? If so, can she apply for the alumnae scholarships as well?**

- A sister can receive a scholarship if she will be transferring to a different college/university in spring 2011. However, if a sister transfers, she must notify the Foundation of her new school and the appropriate financial aid contacts so we can mail her scholarship or grant check. Even though a sister who has transferred may have been granted alumna status by the Fraternity, as long as she is still finishing her undergraduate degree she will only be eligible for scholarships or grants that are designated for collegians.

**For an educational grant, why do you have to submit 2008 tax returns?**

- Tax records for 2009 are due to the IRS after our deadline for scholarship applications. Therefore, we need the 2008 records that were filed in 2009.

**Are new members able to apply for Foundation scholarships?**

- Members must be initiated by April 10 to be able to apply for scholarships. Your new members who are not initiated by this date will be eligible next year.

**I am a student in a special time to degree (3/4 time) program. Am I eligible to apply for Foundation scholarships?**

- Our requirements are that students are full time while pursuing their degrees. Universities can define "full time" in different ways so if your particular university considers your program to be full time you are eligible to apply for a scholarship.





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## **Can sisters who are currently sophomores apply for the junior scholarships if they will be juniors next year?**

- Women who are sophomores this year can apply for scholarships that are designated for juniors and seniors if they will be a junior or senior in the fall and will be a full time student in spring 2011.

## **If I am planning on attending graduate school but have not yet received my acceptance letter, am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?**

- Yes. Please complete the entire application, with the exception of your letter of acceptance to graduate school, and send it in by the April 10th deadline. We can extend the deadline for your letter of acceptance until June 1. As soon as you are accepted, please notify us by email and then mail a hard copy of the letter to the office.

## **As an alumnae applying for a scholarship to graduate school, do I need to get a signature from the current archon of my collegiate chapter?**

- You do not need to get a signature from the chapter archon and your letter of recommendation may be from a faculty member or another reference if you are not in close contact with the chapter key advisor.

## **Who should write my letter of recommendation if my chapter does not have a chapter key advisor or if I am in graduate school?**

- Sisters in this situation may obtain a letter of recommendation from anyone she would like. The letter does not have to be from a Phi Sigma Sigma. In the past, sisters have sent letters from professors, supervisors, fellow alumnae or alumnae chapter members, etc.

## **Is there a minimum chapter donation in order for a chapter member to be eligible or does the chapter just have to make a donation?**

- At this time, a chapter donation is not required for a sister to be eligible for a scholarship.

## **Would it be okay if the recommendation comes in after the scholarship deadline?**

- No, we are not able to extend the deadline. Please be sure to plan ahead and provide plenty of advance notice to those writing your letter of recommendation.

## **Who should I contact if I have a question that hasn't been answered here?**

- Please contact the Foundation at [foundation@phisigmasigma.org](mailto:foundation@phisigmasigma.org).

