

2008 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA PHAROS POETRY COMPETITION

Purpose: To encourage medical students to write poetry on medical subjects, *The Pharos* has instituted this competition to recognize and reward excellent and thoughtful student compositions.

Prizes: \$500 first; \$250 second; \$100 third.

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AΩA chapters (Class of 2008 or later), but need not be members of AΩA. Only one entry may be submitted by an author.

Dates: Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2008, and sent by first-class mail, express mail, or by courier. Winners will be announced about May 1, 2008.

Requirements for the poems:

1. Poems must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work.

2. The poem may be on any subject related to medicine.

3. The poem must not exceed two double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins.

4. The poem must not have been offered to or published by any other journal and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of AΩA, which has the right of first refusal.

5. Four stapled single-sided sets of the poem (pages typed; no covers or binders) and a covering page with the author's full name, address, phone number, e-mail, and name of medical school and year of graduation should be sent to:

*Alpha Omega Alpha Pharos Poetry Competition
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025.*

6. Poems not conforming to the instructions will be returned.

7. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the poems and select the winners.

The author's social security number will be required for payment of the award.

Errata: Poems not accepted for *The Pharos* but published elsewhere should include the following acknowledgment: *Submitted as an entry in the 2008 Alpha Omega Alpha Pharos Poetry Competition.*

More information: Contact Managing Editor Debbie Lancaster at (650) 329-0291 or d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org. Forms are available at: www.alphaomegaalpha.org/programs/PharosPoetryCompetition.htm. Examples of poetry published by *The Pharos* can be seen on AΩA's web site: www.alphaomegaalpha.org/pharos/SampleArticles.htm.

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Mr/Ms/Mrs:		Your name:	
Address:			
Permanent Address: (your parents' address, for example)			
Telephone:		Permanent Telephone:	
E-mail:			
School:			
Year of Graduation:			
Title of Poem:			

CHECKLIST:

	Margins 1 inch or larger		Four sets, stapled
	Type size 12 point or larger		No cover or binder
	2 or fewer double-spaced pages, single-sided		

DEADLINE: January 31, 2008

MAIL TO: Alpha Omega Alpha
Pharos Poetry Competition
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, CA 94025

QUESTIONS: Debbie Lancaster (650) 329-0291 or d.lancaster@alphaomegalpha.org

MORE INFORMATION: Go to: www.alphaomegalpha.org/programs/PharosPoetryCompetition.htm.

2008 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS

Purpose: To encourage medical students to address nontechnical topics in medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society instituted this competition to recognize and reward excellent and thoughtful student compositions.

Prizes: \$2000 first, \$750 second, \$500 third, and honorable mention awards of \$250 each. Prizes will be paid after the receipt of required documentation (see **Requirements for winning essays**, below).

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AΩA chapters (Class of 2008 or later), but need not be members of AΩA. Only one entry may be submitted by an author.

Dates: Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2008, and sent by first-class mail, express mail, or by courier. Winners will be announced about May 1, 2008.

Requirements for the essays:

1. Essays must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work.

2. The essay may be on any nontechnical subject related to medicine, including ethics, history, education, philosophy, and policy. Well-referenced, scholarly fiction is an acceptable genre.

3. The manuscript must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins.

4. Unique references, numbered consecutively, are limited to 20. (Reference citation of web sites is not acceptable unless that site is the sole source of the information or has official or academic credentials. Examples of acceptable sites are official government web pages such as that of the National Institutes of Health.)

5. The paper must not have been offered to or published by any other journal and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of AΩA, which has the right of first refusal.

6. Four stapled single-sided sets of the essay (pages typed and numbered; no covers or binders) and a covering page with the author's full name, address, phone number, e-mail, and name of medical school and year of graduation should be sent to:

Alpha Omega Alpha Student Essay Competition
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025.

7. Essays not conforming to the instructions will be returned.

8. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the essays and select the winners. Judging will be on the basis of originality, scholarship, style and composition, and relevance.

Requirements for winning essays: When notified that they have received an award, authors of all winning papers must provide documentation of references in photocopy as follows: title pages of all books cited; the first and last pages of book chapters cited; the table of contents of the particular issue of the journal in which a cited article appeared; all quotations, from the primary sources, including page numbers. The author's social security number will be required for payment of the award.

Errata: Authors may present their essays at national meetings. Papers not accepted for *The Pharos* but published elsewhere should include the following acknowledgment: *Submitted as an entry in the 2008 Alpha Omega Alpha Student Essay Competition.*

More information: Contact Managing Editor Debbie Lancaster at (650) 329-0291 or d.lancaster@alphaomegalpha.org. Examples of several winning student essays, reference style information, and optional forms are on AΩA's web site: www.alphaomegalpha.org/programs/StudentEssayAwards.htm.

**2008 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA
HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION**

Mr/Ms/Mrs:		Your name:	
Address:			
Permanent Address: (parents' address, for example)			
Telephone:		Permanent Telephone:	
E-mail:			
School:			
Year of Graduation:			
Title of Essay:			

CHECKLIST:

	Margins 1 inch or larger		20 or fewer references
	Type size 12 point or larger		Four sets, stapled
	15 or fewer double-spaced pages, single-sided		No cover or binder

DEADLINE: January 31, 2008

MAIL TO: Alpha Omega Alpha
Student Essay Competition
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, CA 94025

QUESTIONS: Debbie Lancaster (650) 329-0291 or d.lancaster@alphaomegalpha.org

MORE INFORMATION: Go to www.alphaomegalpha.org/programs/StudentEssayAwards.htm.

2008 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

CAROLYN L. KUCKEIN

STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The opportunity: Summer term support (a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks) for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research. Funds from the fellowship are expected to be the major source of support for the student. **Only one candidate from each school may be nominated.** Councilors should keep “runners-up” applications on file in case additional funds become available. The name of the fellowship program honors Carolyn L. Kuckein, long-time administrator of AΩA and an honorary member of the society, who died in 2004.

The awards: \$5000, one-half paid on announcement of the award, and one-half on approval by AΩA of a final report of the research. Up to \$1000 will be reimbursed for travel to present research results at a national meeting.

Eligibility: First-, second-, and third-year students from schools with active AΩA chapters are eligible. Ph.D.s and candidates for Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. are not eligible.

Dates for application:

1. Proposals must be submitted to the councilor before **December 31, 2007**.
2. The final application to the national office must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2008**.

Application to the councilor:

The councilor and his or her selection committee will choose the proposal judged to be the most promising and with a high probability of completion during the summer.

1. A three-page summary of the research project written by the applicant in 12-point type with 1-inch margins, as follows: title, hypothesis, rationale, background information, methods and sample size, plan for data analysis, and potential significance. Details of the role of the student in preparation and execution of the project must be provided, along with an estimate of the number of weeks that the student will devote to the project.

2. The student's curriculum vitae and bibliography, social security number, current address, telephone number, e-mail, school and year of graduation.

3. A letter of support from the faculty supervisor that indicates his or her commitment of time and interest to the project and student.

4. The mentor's curriculum vitae.

Application to the national office:

The proposal selected by the councilor's selection committee must be sent to the national office, and should include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the councilor:

1. A letter of endorsement from the AΩA councilor; and
2. A dean's endorsement that should comment upon the student's achievements and potential and the suitability of the faculty sponsor for mentoring.

All materials must be submitted in triplicate. All supporting letters **MUST** accompany the original submission; incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Mail the original and two copies of the application to: *Research Fellowship Selection Committee*
Alpha Omega Alpha
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025

The review process: A committee of physician scientists and AΩA's board of directors will evaluate each proposal. Additional information or clarification may be requested.

Date of award announcement: No later than April 15, 2008.

Other important information:

1. **Approval of clinical projects by the local medical center institutional review board will be necessary before funding is approved.**

2. No later than December 31, 2008, the student must submit a report of the research to the Menlo Park office, detailing methods, results and discussion. Any publication of the AΩA-supported research project should contain the following acknowledgment:
Supported in part by an Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship.

More information: Contact Carol Wong at (650) 329-0291 or c.wong@alphaomegalpha.org. This notice and checklist may be found on AΩA's web site: www.alphaomegalpha.org/programs/StudentResearchPrize.htm.

2008 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA CAROLYN L. KUCKEIN STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Mr/Ms/Mrs:		Your name:	
Address:			
Social Security Number:			
Telephone:			
E-mail:			
Year of Graduation			
Title of your proposal:			
School:			
Councilor name(s):			
Mentor name(s):			
Dean's name:			
Permanent address (e.g., parents):			
Permanent telephone:			

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO AQA COUNCILOR (by December 15, 2007):

	Three page summary of research proposal in 12-point type or larger		
	Title		Method and sample size
	Hypothesis		Plan for data analysis
	Rationale		Potential significance
	Background information		Estimate of time student will devote to project
	Your curriculum vitae and bibliography for proposed project		
	Your mentor's curriculum vitae		
	Letter of support from faculty supervisor, indicating his or her anticipated degree of involvement and plans for supervision of the research		
	IRB approval for clinical research		

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL OFFICE (by January 15, 2008):

	Letter of endorsement from AQA councilor		
	Letter of endorsement from the dean, including comments about suitability of faculty advisor		

MAIL TO: Alpha Omega Alpha Student Research Fellowship
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, CA 94025

QUESTIONS: Carol Wong (650) 329-0291 or c.wong@alphaomegalpha.org
www.alphaomegalpha.org/programs/StudentResearchPrize.htm

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA ADMINISTRATIVE RECOGNITION AWARD

Purpose: To recognize the invaluable work performed by chapter administrative personnel to keep the chapter running smoothly. These individuals are typically responsible for keeping membership and financial records, making arrangements for visiting professorships, and making plans for the annual banquet.

Eligibility: Provides administrative support for a chapter.

The award: A framed certificate of recognition from Alpha Omega Alpha and a gift certificate for \$100 to \$250, depending on length of service.

Dates: Any time.

Requirements: A letter of nomination from the chapter councilor noting the range of activities and length of service of the nominee, and the completed form below.

Send nomination to: Ann Hill
Alpha Omega Alpha
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025

More information: Contact Ann Hill, (650) 329-0291, a.hill@alphaomegaalpha.org.

Name of nominee: _____ Years of service: _____

School name: _____

Description of activities for AQA: _____

Name of councilor: _____

Choice of gift certificate (circle one):

Amazon

Home Depot

Macy's

Borders

Lands' End

Target

Coldwater Creek

L.L. Bean

Other—tell us what you think the nominee would like:

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA MEDICAL STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT AWARD

Purpose: To aid the establishment or expansion of a medical student service project benefiting the medical school or the local community, and to recognize students who dedicate their time and effort to these endeavors. Only one proposal will be accepted from each school during an academic year.

Eligibility: Any medical student or group of students at a school with an active AQA chapter. AQA membership is not required.

The award: The school will receive up to \$2000 per year, renewable for a second year up to \$1000 and a third year up to \$500 to fund the project. Funding for the second and third years will be dependent on review by the national office of a progress report on the first year.

Dates: Applications will be accepted by the national office at any time.

Proposal requirements:

1. Proposals describing the project and the involvement of the organizing student(s) should be prepared by the involved student(s).
2. Each application must include an explanation of the project's goals and objectives, a proposed budget, and plans for evaluation. The application should be limited to two single-spaced pages (1-inch margins, 10-point or larger type).

Next steps:

1. Proposals will be reviewed and approved by the AQA councilor and the dean's office. The dean and the AQA councilor will provide letters of support to accompany the proposal.
2. The proposal will be sent to the national office for evaluation. Within 30 days of receipt, the national office will notify the student(s) and the school of its decision regarding funding.

Send applications to: Medical Student Service Project Award
Alpha Omega Alpha
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025

More information: Contact Ann Hill, (650) 329-0291, a.hill@alphaomegaalpha.org

The Alpha Omega Alpha VOLUNTEER CLINICAL FACULTY AWARD

Volunteer clinical faculty members are often inadequately appreciated and rarely recognized. Alpha Omega Alpha's Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award is presented annually to recognize a community physician who contributes with distinction to the education and training of clinical students.

The national office of AΩA provides a permanent plaque for the Dean's office; a plate with the name of each year's awardee may be added each spring. The awardee receives a framed certificate from Alpha Omega Alpha. Recipients of the award are not eligible to receive it more than once. **Nominees need not be members of AΩA, nor does the award confer AΩA membership.**

Nominations for the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award may be made by all clinical students, with the recipient chosen by student members of the AΩA chapter. The AΩA councilor at each school is responsible for implementation of the process for nomination and election.

Please notify the national office as soon as election is made. Allow 2 to 3 weeks to receive the plaque and certificate.

Clinical Students: Please nominate a community physician, not on the full-time or part-time faculty, who effectively and generously donates his or her time, skill, and experience to teach you clinical skills.

Send your nominations to:

Before:

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

Eligibility: Any medical school with an active AΩA chapter can host one visiting professorship per academic year.

Dates: At any time during the academic year

The budget:

1. Actual coach airfare and/or ground transportation
2. Standard hotel room for one or two nights
3. Meals, exclusive of official functions planned and funded by the chapter or school
4. Honorarium of \$1500

Requirements for the visit: One full day of clinical rounds, research discussions, interactions with students and residents, and the opportunity to present a major address to the medical school community, or to attendees at the annual AΩA banquet. *Please note: Two-day visiting professorships have been discontinued.*

Organization and arrangements: The AΩA councilor, in consultation with the chapter's student members, the school's department chairs, and the dean's office will invite the visiting professor. When arrangements are confirmed and *at least one month before the scheduled visit*, the councilor should contact the national office with the dates, name of the visiting professor and full address, and proposed schedule.

Send the information about the visiting professorship to:

Ms. Ann Hill
Alpha Omega Alpha
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025
E-mail: a.hill@alphaomegaalpha.org
Fax (650) 329-1618
Telephone (650) 329-0291