

***Guidelines for
The Charla Renner Student Leadership Intern Program/Award
2008-2009***

Purpose of the Intern Program

The purpose of this program is to enhance the leadership skills of new student inductees and to increase student involvement in chapter activities. A senior nursing student will be selected to serve as an intern and will be mentored by an interested member of the Board of Directors to facilitate the development of their leadership skills and to encourage active involvement in chapter functioning and governance.

Student Intern Responsibilities

1. The Intern will attend Board of Directors meetings (approximately two per semester).
2. The Intern will be asked to develop and complete a project that will benefit the chapter (see list of potential projects below).
3. The Intern will receive a monetary award at the Spring Induction Ceremony, upon completion of the assigned projects.
4. The Intern will maintain the bulletin board at the IWU School of Nursing and display up-to-date Theta Pi Chapter information throughout the school year.
5. At the end of the year, the Intern will be asked to write a brief article for the Theta Pi Chapter members reflecting the extent to which he or she was able to meet their goals.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a senior Theta Pi member in good standing with Sigma Theta Tau International.

Amount of Award

The amount of the award may vary from year to year, depending upon the funds requested, the number of requests, and the money available in chapter funds. The usual award is \$500.00. Each year, the chapter will determine the amount to be appropriated to the recipient. The monetary award will be given at the 2009 Induction Ceremony.

The approximate amount for the **2008-2009** award: **\$500.00**

Relevant Dates

Proposal Deadline: **Monday, October 20th, 2008**

Announcement of the Award: **Monday, October 27th, 2008**

Application Process

Application forms for the Charla Renner Student Leadership Intern Award are available from the Theta Pi Chapter of STTI, Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing, Box 2900, Bloomington, Illinois, 61702-2900, (309) 556-3051. Applications may be returned to Chelsea Yontz at 54 Vermont Ave. Bloomington, IL 61701. For questions, please call or e-mail **Chelsea Yontz** at (309) **275-4323** or **cyontz@alumni.iwu.edu**. A complete application must include:

1. Chapter's "Charla Renner Student Leadership Intern Program" Application Form.
2. Written statement explaining the applicant's interest in the intern program and the goals for the internship.
3. Letters of recommendation from two faculty members or other nursing professionals addressing leadership potential.

Selection Process

The Award committee will select the Intern based on the following criteria:

- ability to articulate goals
- previous involvement in organizations or professional/student activities
- evidence of leadership potential and commitment to the profession of nursing as identified in supporting letters

Publicity

Individuals who are awarded an internship should understand that recipients are publicized. Internship awards may be reported in the Chapter's publications and announcements (hard copy or electronic) as well as the popular press.

List of Potential Projects

Last year the recipient developed and implemented a project to communicate the importance of participation and leadership in Sigma Theta Tau directed at the current nursing students. A similar project could be used to communicate the importance of Sigma Theta Tau to nurses in the community as well. Other possible projects are listed below.

1. Develop a permanent Chapter display poster that could be used at Regional Assemblies and Chapter programs.
2. Plan an event that would inform nurses in the community of the purpose of Sigma Theta Tau and the opportunities for involvement with the Theta Pi Chapter.
3. Assist with the production of a Chapter-sponsored or co-sponsored program and assist with public relations.
4. Develop and maintain a Theta Pi newsletter throughout the school year.
5. Develop and maintain Theta Pi web-site throughout the school year.

