Guidelines for Scholarships

Theta Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau
Illinois Wesleyan University

Research/Awards Subcommittee
The Research/Awards Subcommittee of the Leadership Succession Committee consists of three appointed chapter members and others as appointed who have experience in nursing education and/or research. The Research/Awards Subcommittee reviews applications, recommends individuals for scholarships, and monitors fund usage by recipients. A five-year record is kept of all recipients of scholarships, including recipients’ names and addresses, amounts of awards, and criteria used for selection of recipients. The Board of Directors approves the recommendations of the Research/Awards Subcommittee based upon availability of funds for scholarships. The treasurer distributes scholarship money to the recipients.

Purpose of the Scholarship
The purpose of the scholarship is to support outstanding nursing students who have the potential to advance nursing knowledge in the area of nursing science and practice. The fund provides money for one or more scholarships.

Eligibility
1. Applicant is enrolled in a baccalaureate program in nursing, a higher degree program in nursing, or a doctoral program.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who are members of Theta Pi Chapter of STTI.

Criteria for Selection
1. Quality of written goals
2. Contribution or potential contribution to nursing and public benefit
3. Availability of funds in the scholarship fund budget and number of applications received
4. Grade point average

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 the chapter scholarship fund. The scholarship may be used for any legitimate expense associated with academic study specified under eligibility.

The approximate amount of the award is $500.00.

Relevant Deadlines
Application deadline: Friday, March 13, 2009
Announcement of the award: Sunday, April 19th, 2009 at the Induction Ceremony

Application Forms
Application forms for the Scholarship 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 the same address or submitted to Chelsea Yontz, Chairperson of Research/Award Subcommittee, 54 Vermont Ave, Bloomington, IL, 61701. For questions, please call Chelsea at (309)275-4323 or email her at cyontz@alumni.iwu.edu. A complete application must include:

1. Chapter’s Scholarship Application Form.
2. Written statement of applicant’s professional goals
3. Transcript of undergraduate records and graduate work completed
4. Letters of recommendation from two faculty members and one professional associate
5. Resume or curriculum vitae (optional)

Publicity
Individuals who are awarded a scholarship should understand that recipients are publicized. Scholarships may be reported in the Chapter’s publications and announcements (hard copy or electronic) as well as the popular press.