

2006 Literary Competition Rules

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS MAY 15, 2006

1. The 2006 Alpha Delta Phi Literary Competition is open to all undergraduate members (including pledges/associate brothers) of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Delta Phi Society.
2. A \$1,000 GRAND PRIZE will be awarded to that single entry which shows the greatest level of overall excellence in one of the three major categories, namely: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Photographic entries do not qualify for this award. Only one prize of \$1,000 will be awarded. The decision of the judges is final; the judges may also elect not to give the award, or may split it into two \$500 prizes. The prize money is paid directly to the winner. This is not a scholarship; it is a direct cash award. Previous winners of this prize are not eligible to win a second time, but they can enter and win first prizes in any or all categories.
3. First prize of \$100 is offered in all categories. Based on the number of second, third and fourth prizes awarded, cash grants may be made of amounts smaller than \$100, based on funds available and the number of awards granted.
4. Categories are four: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry and Photography
5. Entries must be originals, submitted via e-mail or on a CD-ROM as a Word document (Office 2000 version or later). Entries in the Photography category may be submitted in color or in black and white; slides are acceptable. Photographic entries must not exceed 10 x 14 in size, and entrant is responsible for mailing entries with proper backing to prevent damage to the photographs. Photographs will be returned only if return is requested. All entries must be shipped postage, freight prepaid, or as an e-mail attachment. The judges are absolutely intolerant of poor spelling or grammar.
6. Entries should **not** be signed and should **not** bear information that could disclose the identity of the entrant. The entrant must attach a separate document, as a cover sheet to the original manuscript that gives the following information: category in which entered; title of entry; entrant's name, address and telephone number; and entrant's chapter and year.

7. Previously published manuscripts and photographs are not eligible for entry, except works published in college or university publications. Original written material submitted for course work is acceptable. Submit recent works to the competition, rather than works submitted in previous years. No entrant may submit more than five entries in any single category. All manuscripts must be typed. Handwritten materials will be rejected. Manuscripts must be sent electronically, either as an e-mail attachment or on CD (Word, Office 200 version or later); no facsimile copies will be accepted.

8. Manuscripts of less than 1,500 words are strongly recommended; however, manuscripts of up to 5,000 words will receive consideration. All manuscripts should be intended for the general well-educated reader; none should require highly specialized or technical knowledge.

9. All entries become the property of Alpha Delta Phi and none can be returned except by special request.

10. Manuscripts will be considered if submitted from undergraduate members who are active in their chapter. Undergraduate members are only eligible to receive an award if they are fully initiated with all initiation fees paid as of August 1, 2006, and are recorded on the membership rolls of the fraternity or society as of that date.

11. By entering the Literary Competition, all participants assure the Foundation that the submitted work is his or her own, and that all sources are correctly referenced. In addition to this, all participants grant the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation the unrestricted right to display all and/or selected entries on a Foundation website or within a printed Foundation literary journal.

12. The absolute deadline by which entries must be postmarked if they are to be considered is **May 15, 2006**. Address all entries and correspondence to:

**Literary Competition
C/O Alpha Delta Phi
6126 Lincoln Avenue
Morton Grove, IL 60053**

Or, if you are submitting your entries via e-mail, to theadphi@aol.com