

GUIDELINES

To assist in Completing an Application for PSZHC Scholarships

- Personal Contact Information:** Provide Name, email address, and phone number. Use the name if that is what you go by regularly. Use an email and phone number where you can be reached directly.
- Academic & Chapter Background:** Provide Name of the College you are attending; your current Major(s); your current Concentration(s); Your expected year of Graduation; and your current cumulative GPA. Upload a copy of your current college transcript. The Cumulative GPA reported above should match exactly the Cumulative GPA shown on the uploaded transcript.
- Membership Status:** Indicate either Associate Member, Active Member, or Alumni.
- Date Joined:** Indicate Month and Year that you were initiated, or in the case of an Associate Member the Month and Year that you became an Associate.
- Phi-Sigma Number (Zeta Number):** If you are an initiated Brother, indicate your Phi-Sigma initiation number. If you are an Associate Member, enter "N/A".
- Address:** Provide your mailing address.
- Lambda Chi Alpha Experience:** Indicate any current officer/leadership roles in the Chapter; Indicate other roles where you are currently serving in, but are not in a leadership position; Indicate any previous officer/leadership and non-leadership positions where you served in; Indicate how many little brothers that you have had, and the number of times that you have

served on the Ritual Team; List the names of all committees that you have served on in the Chapter; Indicate the name and date of Lambda Chi Alpha Assemblies/Conferences/Conclaves that you have attended, if any; Indicate the names of brothers for which you have served as an Academic Mentor; Indicate any Chapter Awards and Achievements for which you have been recognized.

Cal Poly Leadership Experience: Indicate The names and dates of other Cal Poly Clubs and Organizations that you have been, or are currently, a member of. Provide details of the activities that you have been involved in with these Clubs and Organizations, and any Leadership Roles that you served in. Provide a brief synopsis of how your participation and/or leadership made a positive impact on the Cal Poly campus – to either individuals or to Cal Poly itself. List any Awards and Achievements that you or your Campus Club/Organization may have been recognized for as a result of your participation in them.

Community Leadership Experience: Indicate The names and dates of other Community (aside from Fraternity and Cal Poly) Organizations that you have been, or are currently, a member of. These might be philanthropic organizations, or non-profits where you volunteered your time. Provide details of the activities that you have been involved in with these Organizations, and any Leadership Roles that you served in. Provide a brief synopsis of how your participation and/or leadership made a positive impact on these Community Organizations or the Community itself. List any Awards and Achievements that you or your Community Organization may have been recognized for as a result of your participation in them.

Work Experience Please tell us about any work experience in High School and College, starting from your most recent and then previous work experiences in reverse chronological order. You can add up to 3 work experiences, or if you have more, you can upload your resume and LinkedIn handle.

Lambda Chi Alpha Journey Essay: You may either upload a document or paste in the text of your personal Lambda Chi Alpha journey where indicated. You do not need to do both – one or the other is sufficient. The essay is your story, so there are no right or wrong ways of writing it. Tell your story – start at the beginning and end with your conclusions about how your fraternity experience shaped who you are.

Some topics which may help you are: The circumstances surrounding your being invited to become a Lambda Chi; Difficult circumstances that you dealt with; Experiences that impacted your life direction, made you a better man, led to personal growth, and/or personal character development; Learning from other's life experiences; Development of personal courage to confront wrong; Generosity, receiving gracefully and giving freely to others; The pursuit of excellence; Practicing kindness; Serving others; and/or Belonging and the enduring friendships that come from fraternity.

Letter of Recommendation: A letter of Recommendation is a mandatory requirement of the application. Please upload a copy where indicated. Ideally the Letter of Recommendation should be written by someone with a few decades of life experience, and it should outline why the writer believes you to be an outstanding candidate for receipt of a scholarship. The topics addressed in the letter should complement the other information outlined in your application. Specifically, your leadership, efforts and impact to/on the Chapter, Cal Poly Campus and/or Community. Suggested letter writers are: The Chapter High Pi, Lambda Chi Alumni, Club or Organization Advisors. A parent, Aunt, Uncle, work supervisor, or other older mentor in your life would also be a fine source for the Letter of Recommendation. We will accept letters of Recommendation from Chapter Officers/Leaders. However, Letters of Recommendation from fellow students fall below the level of effort that we are seeking with these scholarship applications, and as such will receive only a marginally passing grade for this category of the scholarship application. Letters of Recommendations that are nothing more than pasted texts or are from your roommate, are not in keeping with the excellence we are seeking in our scholarship applicants

and may be scored a zero. With a little pre-planning, it really should not be too difficult to seek out a seasoned person with decades of life experience who knows of your work and character to write a letter of recommendation. Obtaining reference letters is a skill that you will need for later life. Now is a good time to learn it.

PS: It would be expected by people experienced in providing letters of recommendation, that you would provide them with a draft letter for their editing and signature. Don't hesitate to offer this to the person you are asking.

Essay on Scholarship Impact:

All applicants: As a minimum, please Indicate how you will spend scholarship funds, if awarded. Do not leave this section blank.

Optional: Explain any special circumstances associated with financial need. Financial need is not a prerequisite of receiving a scholarship. We do, however, give applicants a higher score if financial need is present and stated. The higher score can be substantial depending on the circumstances described by the applicant. If you are working, or have worked, to help put yourself through college, please provide the details of such, including how many hours worked per week, job duration and type of work.