

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL – EPSILON ETA CHAPTER

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS TO BE AWARDED OCTOBER 14, 2009 AT THE INDUCTION CEREMONY

Each year the Scholarship and Awards Committee of the Epsilon Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau presents several awards at the annual Induction Ceremony. The Induction Ceremony will be held on **October 14, 2009**. Applications will be accepted until **September 21, 2009**. Application forms can be obtained online at <http://www.siu.edu/nursing/organizations/stt/>, or from **Christina Daniels, SIUE, School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, IL 62026; telephone number: 618 650 3958**. **Completed application forms and supporting materials should be sent to Dr. Gladys Mabunda, Room AH 2332b, SIUE, School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, and IL 62026 no later than September 21, 2009.**

The following is a list of the 2009 awards and the established criteria for each award:

Betty Temples Mill Undergraduate Student Award for Academic Excellence

One award is given annually consisting of a certificate and \$100. The award is open to any undergraduate student who has been inducted as a chapter member and currently is in Semester 7 or 8 in the School of Nursing at SIUE. Criteria which must be met are:

1. Current Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter member.
2. Application form
3. Application for the award was initiated by the student or a Sigma Theta Tau member.
4. Two letters of support from SIUE nursing faculty members.

Selection of the recipient will be based on completed application received by the deadline, the cumulative GPA and demonstration of outstanding performance in the clinical area, research, and/or leadership.

APPLICATION FORM

BETTY TEMPLES MILL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

G.P.A.: _____

Additional Material to be Attached:

1. Copy of current membership in Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter.
2. Two letters of support from SIUE nursing faculty.
3. Other evidence of merit, e.g., demonstrated consistent superior nursing involvement (to be chosen and submitted by the candidate). Examples include exceptional community service, Kimmel Leadership Program, participation in Nurse Ambassadors, SNA, publications, other awards, newspaper articles, and additional letters of support.

SIGNATURE

DATE

DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION: September 21, 2009

Submit application and materials to:

Dr. Gladys Mabunda
SIUE School of Nursing
BOX 1066
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Epsilon Eta non-traditional student undergraduate scholarship

Nontraditional students are students who have other full-time responsibilities besides nursing studies. Such students are men and women who might be older than traditional students, parent children, or grandchildren/dependents, maybe or may not be married, work full time or part-time outside of school.

Eligibility Criteria

- Membership in Epsilon Eta Chapter
- Status as a nontraditional student
- Demonstrated financial need is the major criteria for this scholarship
- Strong consideration is given for candidates who demonstrate efforts to promote diversity or inclusiveness in the school, community or in other organizations

Award

- The scholarship is awarded in the Fall Semester
- Applicant must submit 3 letters of recommendation addressing the criteria above (from faculty members, clinical preceptor, community representatives, or work supervisors if applicable)
- Applicant should submit an essay of no more than 750 words, addressing each criterion above. The essay should focus on these items:
 - Future goals and how the Epsilon Eta scholarship will assist with professional goals
 - How applicant has made efforts to promote diversity or inclusiveness through school, community or other organizational activities
 - Discussion of how financial burden affects involvement at school/community/service activities
 - How SIUE and the scholarship will assist with professional goals

APPLICATION FORM

EPSILON ETA NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

G.P.A.: _____

Additional Material to be attached:

1. Copy of current membership in Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter.
2. Three letters of recommendation from SIUE nursing faculty members/clinical preceptor/community representatives/supervisors.
3. Essay (no more than 750 words)

SIGNATURE

DATE

DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION: September 25, 2009

Submit three copies (3) of the application and materials to:

Dr. Gladys Mabunda
Alumni Hall Room 2332b
SIUE School of Nursing
BOX 1066
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Graduate Student Merit Award

One award is given annually consisting of a Certificate of Recognition and \$100.00. The award is open to any chapter member who is currently a student admitted to the Graduate Program of the School of Nursing at SIUE. Criteria which must be met are:

1. Current Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter member.
2. Application for the award was initiated by the student or a Sigma Theta Tau member.
3. Application form
4. One letter of support from a graduate nursing faculty member in the student's area of specialization.
5. One letter of support from either the candidate's employing agency, a graduate faculty member from another school at SIUE, or a graduate nursing faculty member outside the candidate's area of specialization.
6. Other evidence of merit, e.g., demonstrated superior nursing involvement (to be chosen and submitted by the candidate).

Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award

One annual Award for Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice of \$100.00 is presented to a current member of the Epsilon Eta Chapter who is judged best in meeting the established criteria listed below. Nominations are invited and should include: name, address, telephone number of nominee, and a summary paragraph focusing on the nominee's contributions and accomplishment with respect to the award criteria. The nominator should also include their own name, address, and phone number. Award criteria include:

1. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in the area of clinical practice.
2. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality patient care.
3. Possesses clinical expertise.
4. Serves as a mentor/preceptor that inspires peers' practice of nursing.
5. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
6. Participates in community affairs and professional organizations that affect nursing practice.

Writing for Publication Award

The Epsilon Eta Chapter encourages its members to write for publication. With that in mind, this competitive annual award was established. All members – students, graduates, community leaders and faculty – are invited to prepare an original and previously unpublished manuscript, to be submitted simultaneously to our Committee and to an appropriate professional journal. A single Award will be given to previously unpublished authors. Winner of the award will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$100 (Multiple authors of award winning manuscript will share the \$100 cash award).

Guidelines

1. The manuscript may be the project of single or multiple authors. The primary (1st author) must be their first publication.
2. The subject of the manuscript must be relative to professional nursing.
3. The format and length should be in accordance with the journal to which the manuscript has been sent.
4. A cover letter and 4 copies of the manuscript should be sent by the due date September 21, 2009

The author(s) name(s) should not appear on the manuscript itself, thereby maintaining anonymity during the review process. A board of reviewers made up of members from the Epsilon Eta Chapter and the Scholarship and Awards Committee will judge the manuscripts on the following criteria:

1. Writing style.
2. Creativity and originality.
3. Timeliness of content.
4. Appropriateness of references.
5. Potential value to nursing literature.

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Email gmabund@siue.edu
Telephone: 618 650 3905.

Application must be received no later than September 21, 2009.