Pi Sigma Alpha Announces 2006 Grant Winners

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is proud to announce the winners of its 2006 Chapter Activity Grants Competition. In this annual program, Pi Sigma Alpha chapters submit proposals for activities they would not be able to carry out without funding. The maximum grant to any chapter is $2,000. The proposed activities may be in areas such as chapter and student development, social service, and the like. A grants committee* reviews the proposals competitively and makes awards based on the quality and feasibility of the activity proposed, the completeness and appropriateness of the budget, and other factors. This was the first year in which chapters were permitted to submit proposals for two activities. Some proposals received full funding, some received partial funding with instructions on how to scale back the activity, and some were rejected. This year the committee funded proposals from 87 chapters for a total of over $75,000. Now in its 25th year, the Chapter Activity Grants program is the biggest and most important of the honor society's award programs both because of the size of its budget and the very large number of students who benefit.

SCHOOL	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
University of Akron	Induction banquet	$775.00
Albany State University	Panel on campus minorities	600.00
Allegheny College	Banquet	815.00
The American University	Induction banquet w/speaker	1,200.00
University of Arizona	Induction banquet	750.00
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Luncheon w/speaker	475.00
Auburn University	Awards banquet, student award	845.00
Barton College	Essay contest	225.00
Boise State University	Induction & awards breakfast	400.00
University of Bridgeport	Panel on Islam and modernity	1,500.00
Cal State, San Bernardino	Induction banquet	900.00
Capital University	Events at Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1,100.00
Centenary College of Louisiana	Induction banquet	350.00
University of Central Oklahoma	Induction banquet and Easter bunny project	675.00
Chicago State University	Awards luncheon	750.00
Creighton University	Awards banquet and student awards	850.00
East Carolina University	Induction banquet	625.00
East Central University	Week of work in community	1,600.00
Eastern Michigan University	Panel on Chiapas, Mexico Revolution, and post-election coverage event	1,350.00
Emory University	Speaker on nuclear proliferation	680.00
Fitchburg State College	Student visit to Washington, DC	1,620.00
Florida International University	Induction banquet	900.00
Georgetown University	Induction banquet	650.00
Gettysburg College	Campus roundtable on elections and publication of political science journal	2,000.00
Hartwick College, joint with SUNY Oneonta	Multi-part program on role of media in elections	2,000.00
Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges	Banquet with speaker	450.00
University of Idaho	Awards banquet	750.00
Idaho State University	Banquet and best paper awards	700.00
University of Illinois at Springfield	Awards banquet	1,200.00
Illinois State University	15th Annual Illinois Conference for political science students	600.00
James Madison University	Banquet and best paper awards	975.00
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge	Best paper awards	250.00
Loyola University Chicago	Speaker on election polling	525.00
Loyola University New Orleans	Essay contest prizes, and continued journal publication	350.00
University of Maine	Induction reception and essay contest	918.90
Marist College	Awards luncheon and luncheon at New York State Pol. Sci. Assn. Meeting	1,762.50
Mercer University	Debate series and refreshments	650.00
Mercyhurst College	Banquet with speaker	1,512.50
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Student travel to Midwest PSA Conf.	2,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University	Induction banquet and Easter baskets for nursing home	1,150.00

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University of Montana	Induction banquet, essay contest	825.00
Morgan State University	Luncheon w/speaker, essay contest	$750.00
Muhlenberg College	Essay contest	225.00
Murray State University	Luncheon w/speaker	670.00
University of Nebraska	Student travel to Midwest PSA Conf.	1,459.00
New Mexico State University	Induction banquet and student visit to state legislature	1,199.60
SUNY at Albany	Two speakers, luncheons	700.00
SUNY at Binghamton	Banquet, essay contest, speaker	1,055.00
SUNY, University at Buffalo	Induction banquet w/speaker	11,055.00
SUNY College at Cortland	Awards luncheon and paper awards	397.50
SUNY Geneseo	Political science alumni panel	1,575.00
SUNY New Paltz	Awards luncheon, paper awards	435.00
Niagara University	Speaker on religion and politics	750.00
Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte	Awards banquet w/speaker	600.00
Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro	Student visit to Washington, DC	1,500.00
University of North Texas	Speakers for "Peace in the New Age" Conference	1,145.00
Northeastern University	High school essay contest	750.00
Ohio Northern University	Student travel to Midwest PSA Conf.	2,000.00
Ohio University	Banquet w/speaker	500.00
University of Oregon	"Leaders Luncheon" series	1,275.00
University of Pennsylvania	"Dinner & Discourse Series" and induction events	1,950.00
Providence College	Luncheon w/speaker, essay contest, and induction reception	1,265.00
Purdue University	Student travel to Midwest PSA Conf.	1,002.50
Purdue University Calumet	Induction ceremony, paper awards	825.00
Rhode Island College	Induction luncheon	600.00
Saint Leo University	Student visit to state capital	705.00
Saint Michael's College	Induction banquet w/speaker panel	725.00
St. Olaf College	Roundtable on "Humanitarian Crises and the Ethics of Intervention"	1,830.00
University of St. Thomas	Panel on immigration, best paper awards	462.50
San Francisco State University	Student journal	500.00
San Jose State University	Banquet for high school students w/speaker	1,050.00
Sewanee: University of the South	Induction reception	450.00
University of South Florida	Student visit to state legislature	2,000.00
Temple University	Induction banquet w/speaker	1,289.00
Tri-College University	Induction banquet	212.50
Union College	Awards banquet, essay contest	850.00
Utah State University	Induction banquet w/speaker, awards	1,375.00
University of Vermont	Honors dinner	287.50
Wake Forest University	Induction banquet	750.00
University of Washington	Student journal publication and campus-wide film screening	1,300.00
Washington State University	Student travel to Western PSA Conf.	1,696.00
Wheaton College	Induction banquet	550.00
Wilkes University	Visiting panel on human rights	757.50
Winona State University	Induction reception	500.00
Winthrop University	Roundtable on class and education	1,237.40
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Student journal publication	1,025.00
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Induction banquet w/speaker	400.00

*The 2006 Selection Committee included Professors Diana Owen and James I. Lengle of Georgetown University, and Nancy McManus of the Pi Sigma Alpha national office.

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