



SIGMA DELTA PI UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS, 2008

Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, is pleased to announce its Undergraduate Summer Scholarship program for 2008. The awards will be as follows:

1. Six scholarships for study in Spain at the *Estudio Internacional Sempere (EIS)* centers in Madrid, Salamanca, El Puerto de Santa María or Alicante. The *EIS* scholarships consist of free tuition for four, six or eight weeks of study (20 hours per week); *EIS* will provide four of these scholarships; two of these scholarships include tuition for only four weeks of study. *EIS* winners must pay the cost of room and meals while in Spain. Sigma Delta Pi will provide to the scholarship winners a stipend that may be used toward travel to Spain.
2. One scholarship for study in Ecuador at the *Estudio Internacional Sempere (EIS)* in Cuenca. The *EIS* scholarship consists of free tuition for four, six or eight weeks of study (20 hours per week). The *EIS* winner must pay the cost of room and meals while in Cuenca. Sigma Delta Pi will provide to the scholarship winner a stipend that may be used toward travel to Ecuador.
3. Twelve scholarships for study at the *Universidad Internacional / The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies* of Cuernavaca, Mexico. The amount of the scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, room, and meals for a four-week course of study. *The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies* will provide four of these scholarships. Sigma Delta Pi will provide to the scholarship winners a stipend that may be used toward travel to Mexico. Two of the scholarships provided by the Center must be used after July 31, 2008.
4. Eight scholarships for study in Bolivia (Sucre), Ecuador (Quito), or Peru (Cusco) at the *Academia Latinoamericana de Español*. The *Academia* scholarships include free tuition, room and two meals per day for a four-week course of study. The *Academia* will provide four of these scholarships. Sigma Delta Pi will provide to the scholarship winners a stipend that may be used toward travel to Bolivia, Ecuador or Peru.

SIGMA DELTA PI is grateful to Mr. Juan Manuel Sempere of the *Estudio Internacional Sempere*; Mr. Javier Espinosa of the *Universidad Internacional / The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies*; and Dr. Diego del Corral of the *Academia Latinoamericana de Español* for their generosity in providing support for these awards.

THE T. EARLE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP. This award is named in memory of Honorary President and President Emeritus, T. Earle Hamilton, who died October 2, 1996. Hamilton served as President of Sigma Delta Pi for a total of fifteen years (1960-68 and 1972-77). The highest ranked applicant who accepts one of the scholarships for study in Spanish America will receive this award. The scholarship will consist of a supplement to the basic award.

THE RICHARD E. CHANDLER SCHOLARSHIP. This award is named in honor of President Emeritus and Honorary President, Richard E. Chandler. He served as President of Sigma Delta Pi for a total of fifteen years (1977-92) during which time 141 new chapters were installed. The highest ranked applicant who accepts one of the scholarships for study in Spain will receive this award. The scholarship will consist of a supplement to the basic award.

RULES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

CRITERIA. To be eligible to receive one of the awards listed above, an undergraduate student must meet the following minimal requirements: (1) must be a Spanish major or minor; (2) must be of at least junior standing; (3) must be an active (elected) member of Sigma Delta Pi; (4) must have a superior academic record; (5) must be enrolled on February 1, 2008 as a full-time student; (6) must have earned grades in at least 12 semester or 18 quarter hours of Spanish courses; (7) must be nominated in writing by the chapter adviser; (8) must submit five copies of a fully completed official application form **together with** all required documentation. Graduate students are not eligible.

PREVIOUS WINNERS, WHETHER THEY ACCEPTED OR DECLINED A SCHOLARSHIP, MAY NOT APPLY.

CHOICE OF Spain or Spanish America. Summer Scholarship applicants must indicate their preferences to study either in Spain or Spanish America. Applicants for Spanish America must indicate their preference for Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico or Peru. Choices by top applicants for Spanish America will be given greatest consideration.

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM. Applicants must use the official 2008 Undergraduate Scholarship Application form distributed with this announcement.

DUPLICATION OF APPLICATION FORMS. Forms may be duplicated, preferably front and back, by local chapters.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS. All applications must be postmarked not later than February 1, 2008. Those postmarked after this date will not be considered.

JUDGING APPLICATIONS. Two sub-committees (one for Spain; one for Spanish America) of three judges each will be appointed by Professor Dale J. Pratt, Coordinator of the Sigma Delta Pi Undergraduate Summer Scholarship Competition for the 2007/08 academic year. Working independently and with a given set of criteria, the judges will select the winners. Their decision will be final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS. Winners will be notified around April 1, 2008.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIPS. Sigma Delta Pi scholarships MUST be used solely for the purposes stated above, i.e. for study in Spain or Spanish America, and for the length of time specified. Summer scholarships must be used during the summer of 2008. Sigma Delta Pi undergraduate scholarships may not be used for research purposes only. Permission will not be made to alter any of these stipulations. Possible transfer credit must be coordinated with the student's college or university, not with Sigma Delta Pi.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF WINNERS. By **October 1, 2008**, each scholarship winner **must send** via e-mail (delmastrom@citadel.edu) a passport-size photograph (.jpg or .gif file) and an essay (Word format) of approximately 200 words in Spanish describing the experience of studying abroad to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who is also Editor of *ENTRE NOSOTROS*: **Professor Mark P. Del Mastro (delmastrom@citadel.edu)**.

Awardees unable to undertake the study abroad provided by the scholarship must inform the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (delmastrom@citadel.edu) immediately and will return to him their stipend. If they fail to inform the Executive Secretary-Treasurer by May 15, 2008 and in sufficient time to award their scholarship to another student, understanding that arrangements have already been made for funding their study abroad, they may be required to reimburse Sigma Delta Pi for the cost of their scholarship.

WHERE TO SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS. **FIVE SEPARATE STAPLED SETS** of the completed application and required documentation must be forwarded **together** to:

**Professor Dale J. Pratt
Spanish & Portuguese
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602**

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND ALL RELATED MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER
OR THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**