



**This Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Lawson family to provide scholarships to benefit the members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity who have financial need. The scholarship is dedicated to commemorate and celebrate the life of Gabe Wiley Lawson.**

**Instructions:**

Please complete the attached application and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by **May 1, 2020**. So that the scholarship selection committee may have access to your transcript, be sure to sign your application before you submit it. You may answer questions using a separate sheet of paper.

**Who may apply for these scholarships?**

Any member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity may apply if:

- (1) is an active member in good standing with the fraternity,
- (2) plans to enroll at the university during the 2020-2021 academic year on a full-time basis and,
- (3) is making satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes (i.e., 2.0 cumulative GPA, completed at least 80% of all credit hours attempted, and earned no more than 175 credit hours.)

**If I am currently a pledge, may I apply for this scholarship?**

Yes. You may apply for the scholarship as a pledge. Scholarship recipients must be active members in good standing with the fraternity during the period in which the award is granted.

**If I meet the criteria above, does this mean I will automatically receive the scholarship?**

No. These are competitive scholarships and the recipients will be selected from the pool of applicants for the scholarships.

**How are the recipients selected?**

Applications are solicited through announcements to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Scholarship candidates will identify themselves by completing a scholarship application, which must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by **May 1, 2020**. Applications are reviewed by the Financial Aid Office. An applicant's demonstrated need, academic record, and record of involvement in the University community are factors in the selection process. All applicants will be notified of their final status in writing by June 30, 2020.

**What is the amount of the scholarship and how many are available?**

The amounts for the 2020-2021 school year have yet to be determined. The number and amount of awards will be influenced by the number and quality of applications received. The Financial Aid Office will determine who will receive the scholarships, and in what amounts.

**What is the duration of the scholarships?**

The scholarship is awarded annually and is good for one year. The scholarship must be used during the regular academic year. The scholarship may not be used for summer school or for any type of program where SU funds may not be used, such as non-SU study abroad programs or the GLCA New York Semester.

**Is the scholarship renewable?**

The scholarship is awarded for one year only and is not renewable. However, recipients may re-apply each year to be considered along with all other applicants for that year.

**What if I have more questions about this scholarship?**

You may contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@southwestern.edu](mailto:finaid@southwestern.edu) or at (512) 863-1259.



Application Deadline: May 1, 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Current Classification: \_\_\_Sophomore \_\_\_Junior \_\_\_Senior

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current number of hours earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an undecided major, please indicate your potential area(s) of academic interest:

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**In addition to this application, please provide the following:**

1. A detailed listing of any student activities, leadership roles, committees, employment experiences, community service, or any other significant activities in which you have been involved while attending Southwestern University. Also, indicate any honors, recognitions, or awards you have received while attending Southwestern University. Be sure to include details of your involvement with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. In lieu of such a listing, you may attach a resume that contains this information.
2. A personal statement that explains why you believe that you are a good candidate for the Phi Delta Theta Scholarship. Include information regarding any adverse family financial circumstances that you would like the committee to consider. Statements that reflect a positive self-evaluation are strongly encouraged.
3. Be sure that your 2020-2021 FAFSA is on file with the Financial Aid Office. Your FAFSA must be cleared of any rejects. If your FAFSA has been selected for verification, all verification documents must be signed and on file. You may check your FAFSA status at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) or contact the Financial Aid Office at (512) 863-1259 or at [finaid@southwestern.edu](mailto:finaid@southwestern.edu). Applicants without a FAFSA on file, with a rejected FAFSA, or with incomplete verification documents will not be considered.

**Signature Section:**

*With my signature below, I certify that the information provided above is true and correct, and represents my own work. I authorize the release of my grades and any additional pertinent information to the scholarship committee for the purpose of evaluating my scholarship eligibility. I understand that providing this information is subject to Southwestern's Honor Code and that any misrepresentation of my information will subject me to possible disciplinary action and disqualify me from this scholarship.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit the completed application to the Financial Aid Office, in the Cullen Building, Suite 220, or via email to [finaid@southwestern.edu](mailto:finaid@southwestern.edu).